

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2011 - 182

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE FOR THE 2012 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOR CONTINUITY OF HOLD-HARMLESS PROVISION

WHEREAS, the mission of the New Mexico Association of Counties is to work as a united governing body, by equally representing the interests of all counties through dedicated elected county officials and career professional employees; and

WHEREAS, starting with fiscal year 2009, the recession has significantly reduced the revenues of both the State and local governments; and

WHEREAS, several county budgets and finances are severely strained; and

WHEREAS, State revenue reductions are partly due to the shrinking of the gross receipts tax base from allowing deduction of certain retail sales of food and medical services but, at the same time, providently sheltering municipal and county governments through provisions offsetting their revenue losses from the truncated base; and

WHEREAS, county governments are increasingly dependent on gross receipts tax revenues, including the hold-harmless amounts, to provide services to their citizens, particularly hospital and health services; and

WHEREAS, counties also carry considerable costs for detention center operations, which would be unsustainable without the hold-harmless payments; and

WHEREAS, the cost to New Mexico counties of removing the full hold-harmless provisions currently in effect is estimated at \$27,000,000 according to the Taxation and Revenue Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners for Santa Fe County urges the New Mexico legislature to keep faith with its county governments by retaining the full hold-harmless provisions contained in Section 7-1-6.47 NMSA 1978 as long as the gross receipts tax deductions in Sections 7-9-02 and 7-9-93 NMSA 1978 remain in force.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 29th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY**

By:


Virginia Vigil, Chair

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ATTEST:

Valerie Espinoza
Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen C. Ross
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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Valerie Espinoza
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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