

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-106

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES'
RESOLUTION ON THE SAFETY NET CARE POOL (SNCP)**

WHEREAS, New Mexico counties care greatly about health care for their local citizens and value their local hospitals, particularly in rural areas;

WHEREAS, counties have long played an integral role in providing health care services for their indigent residents;

WHEREAS, for nearly 20 years counties have worked collaboratively with their local community hospitals in helping fund the Sole Community Provider program and in coordinating health care for their local citizens;

WHEREAS, the Sole Community Provider program has now been replaced by the Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP), which provides funding for community hospitals for Medicaid base rate increases and uncompensated care for Medicaid patients;

WHEREAS, the counties' role under SNCP has been significantly diminished and their financial contribution to the SNCP no longer has any relationship to the funds disseminated by the Human Services Department (HSD) to the counties' respective community hospitals;

WHEREAS, information provided by HSD regarding the SNCP has been confusing and often contradictory, and the distribution formula to community hospitals has been inequitable and difficult to ascertain;

WHEREAS, finding a solution to funding the SNCP requires communication and cooperation among the various stakeholders – counties, hospitals, and the state, in both the legislative and executive branches;

WHEREAS, the SNCP is part of the federal Medicaid program, and is therefore a state responsibility that should be fully funded by the state;

WHEREAS, SB268, as passed by the legislature in 2014, required most counties to contribute the equivalent of a 1/12th % gross receipts tax (GRT) increment to the SNCP, and was intended to be a three-year interim solution for funding that program;

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WHEREAS, the Governor's line item veto of the three-year limitation on county funding of SNCP will result in unlimited long term county financial responsibility for the program that will ultimately cost the counties hundreds of millions of dollars;

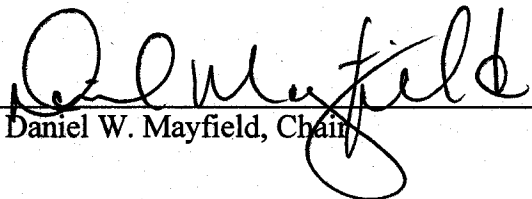
WHEREAS, that long term county financial responsibility was neither authorized nor intended by the legislature in SB 268; and,

WHEREAS, the NMAC has a resolution that would result in legislation that would accomplish one or more of the following:

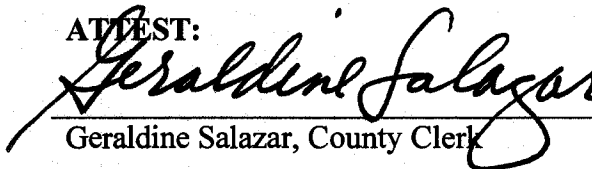
1. Increase the state budget to fully fund the new SNCP and amend SB268 to remove counties' responsibility to fund the SNCP;
2. Transfer the new county 1/12th GRT to the state to fund the SNCP;
3. Consolidate particular existing county local option GRT increments that are in many cases unused and unusable, and de-earmark others;
4. Authorize a state hospital bed tax, the proceeds of which could be used to fund the SNCP, to be matched with federal funds;
5. To develop solutions that would remove the financing of Medicaid from counties and place that responsibility with the state.

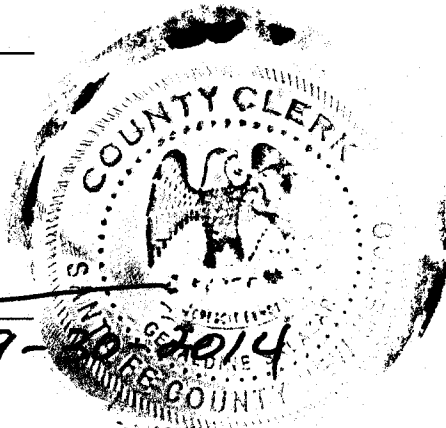
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports the above stated New Mexico Association of Counties resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014

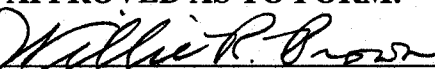

Daniel W. Mayfield, Chair

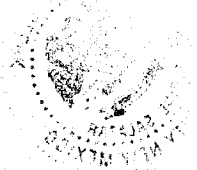
ATTEST:


Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for: Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney



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COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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Geraldine Salazar
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

