

**SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 133**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A \$50,000 EXPENDITURE FROM THE SANTA FE COUNTY HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE FUND TO SUPPORT THE "NEW MEXICO MISSION OF MERCY," A DENTAL CARE EVENT SPONSORED BY THE NEW MEXICO DENTAL FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, a healthy community is a key goal for Santa Fe County ("County"); and

WHEREAS, the County has taken an active and strategic role in setting priorities for and funding health care assistance; and

WHEREAS, dental care is strongly linked to overall health, with research showing, according to the New Mexico Department of Health, "associations between chronic oral infections and heart and lung diseases, stroke, diabetes, and low-birth-weight, and premature births"; and

WHEREAS, as a practical matter, access to dental care is limited even for those who are insured, because of the lack of providers who accept Medicaid, the lack of full dental coverage for most people on Medicaid, the lack of dental coverage for people who have subsidized health plans through the Exchange, and the shortage of dentists in rural parts of Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest data available from the Department of Health, in 2012 over 50 percent of indigent Santa Fe County residents of all ages had no dental visit in the last year, and 16 percent of indigent Santa Fe County residents 65 or older had all of their natural teeth extracted; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Health Care Assistance Program is seeing a rise in claims for reimbursement of dental services, particularly for adults who earn too much to qualify for Centennial Care and immigrants who have no access to dental insurance; and

WHEREAS, in April 2016, the New Mexico Dental Foundation ("Foundation") plans to offer free dental care at a unique event called "New Mexico Mission of Mercy," to be held at the Santa Fe Convention Center in April 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation expects to provide approximately 1,000 County residents with free dental care, including dentures, root canals, and other procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe is providing its Convention Center for the event free of charge; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has requested the County to help fund the New Mexico Mission of Mercy; and

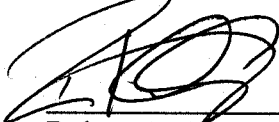
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WHEREAS, the New Mexico Mission of Mercy event is consistent with the New Mexico Indigent Hospital and Health Care Act, NMSA 1978, Section 27-5-4, which defines "health care services" to include "treatment and services designed to promote improved health in the county indigent population, including primary care, prenatal care, dental care, behavioral health care, alcohol or drug detoxification and rehabilitation, hospital care, provision of prescription drugs, preventive care or health outreach services, to the extent determined by resolution of the county."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

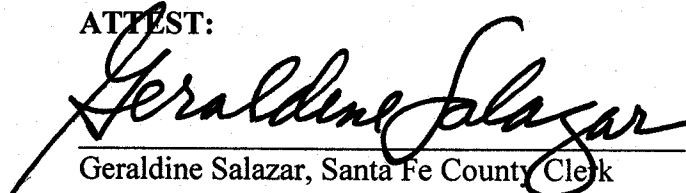
1. The County Manager is authorized to enter into a professional services agreement on behalf of the County with New Mexico Dental Foundation, as a sole-source provider, under which the Foundation shall provide outreach services, planning and implementation of the New Mexico Mission of Mercy event.
2. The County Health Care Assistance Fund shall be used to pay for the services rendered under the professional services agreement with the Foundation, in the amount of \$50,000.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 29 DAY OF September, 2015.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



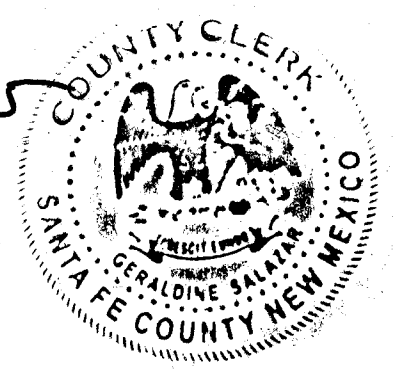
Robert A. Anaya, Chair

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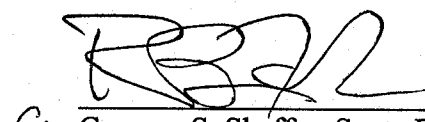


Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 9-29-2015



APPROVED AS TO FORM:




Gregory S. Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss
I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 30TH Day Of September, 2015 at 01:44:20 PM and Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1775993 of The Records Of Santa Fe County

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Geraldine Salazar
Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM