

SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION

NO. 2015-165

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES'
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR A
STATEWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) ASSESSMENT**

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of rural communities for providing potentially life-saving emergency care and transportation by ambulance and to the nearest emergency medical treatment hospital emergency rooms;

WHEREAS, rural counties with low income populations, where the need for EMS is especially acute, often do not generate enough tax revenue, particularly through EMS gross receipts tax, to provide adequate funding to sustain reliable and viable emergency medical services;

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Association of Counties (NMAC) in 2014 endorsed creation of a recurring revenue stream at the state level, similar to that used for the Fire Protection Fund, that is a separate source of revenue dedicated to rural Emergency Medical Services and that does not diminish or impair the existing Fire Protection Fund;

WHEREAS, to develop specific policy recommendations, NMAC has established an EMS Task Force that includes the EMS Bureau of the Department of Health, the State Fire Marshal, statewide EMS providers, and local government representatives, who studies the issues related to rural EMS challenges;

WHEREAS, after several work sessions, the NMAC EMS Task Force identified the need for additional information in order to make informed policy recommendations to the state legislature about the extent of the need for state funding for rural EMS; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force recommend that a necessary step toward securing the appropriate funding level for rural EMS is the collection of data through a statewide EMS assessment of existing services and of the potential need for additional resources to provide an appropriate level of medical care.


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

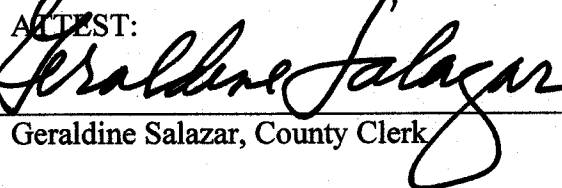
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico Association of Counties' EMS Task Force be reconvened to meet as needed, and to use recommendations from the EMS assessment to develop additional policy recommendations for the legislature regarding appropriate funding levels and mechanisms for recurring funding for EMS services in New Mexico.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015

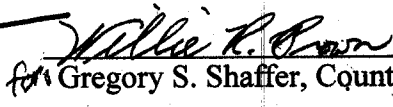
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY



Robert A. Anaya, Chair

ATTEST:


Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


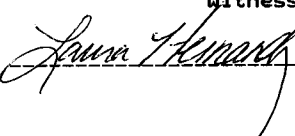
Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Geraldine Salazar
Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



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