THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION No. 2021-

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NEW MEXICO COUNTIES 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, in October 2021, the New Mexico Counties ("NMC") Board of Directors approved three legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature at its 2022 session; and

WHEREAS, NMC has requested that the Board of County Commissioners in each of the state's 33 counties discuss and approve support for NMC's legislative priorities as an important step in assuring maximum understanding of NMC's legislative priorities at the county level; and

WHEREAS, county support enables NMC to demonstrate strong local and statewide support to the state legislature for the following issues:

1. HB 2 Appropriations

Detention Reimbursement Fund

Restoration of the funds from the County Detention Facilities Reimbursement Act to the original appropriation of \$5 million. Currently, the Legislature appropriates \$2.3 million despite the estimated debt to the counties reaching over \$8 million a year for holding state inmates.

Prisoner Transport and Extradition

Creation of a budget line item within the New Mexico Department of Finance of \$750,000 to reimburse counties that provide transportation for state inmates, as required by statute.

RISE Funding

Establish permanently, and increase county participation in, the Reach, Intervene, Support and Engage ("RISE") Program. RISE is a partnership between the NM Behavioral Health Services Division and several county jails to reduce recidivism and help non-violent offenders get treatment to stay out of jail.

2. Law Enforcement Protection Fund

Expansion of funding of the Law Enforcement Protection Fund (LEPF), whose funds have been appropriated to other areas of state government. Currently \$5-\$6 million dollars is returned to the general fund from tax revenue on insurance policies, which the

County supports using for law enforcement agencies to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement services.

3. Courthouse Funding

Creation of a matching fund to help counties pay for construction and renovation of state district courthouses with an initial capital outlay request of \$50-\$100 million.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners does hereby support NMC's legislative priorities as set forth above and urges that legislation incorporating these priorities be enacted by the state legislature during its 2022 session.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 30th of November, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By:

Henry P. Roybal, Chajr

Katharine E. Clark, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 1ST Day Of December, 2021 at 08:45:36 AM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1973160 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

> Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office Katharine E. Clark My Romww County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

