THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION No. 2021-

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING SANTA FE COUNTY 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, legislative pre-filing for the 2021 Regular Legislative Session will occur between January 4, 2022 and January 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners discusses and approves support for legislative priorities as an important step in assuring the preservation and provision of exemplary services and policies, it is important that we maintain revenues, programs and services at the current or a higher level; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners would like to demonstrate strong support to the state legislature for the following issues:

1. Affordable Housing

Increase federal and state support for the Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) trust fund and other fiscal investments for affordable housing that could benefit the state and Santa Fe County, with an emphasis on funding assistance.

2. Moratorium on Evictions

Support the expansion of the local moratorium to alleviate burdens on renters, and enactment of policies to increase transparency and accountability in landlord-tenant agreements. In addition, authorize courts to delay eviction for reasonable period while tenants actively pursue rental assistance from programs for which they appear to be eligible.

3. Single Use Plastics Ban

Urge the New Mexico State Legislature to adopt a bill banning single-use plastic and polystyrene products within the state of New Mexico, including an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law for packaging that will hold producers and manufacturers responsible for the design life cycle of their products.

4. Gun Safety Regulations On Film Sets in NM

Urge the New Mexico State Legislature to strengthen rules and regulations regarding guns on film sets.

5. Financial Assistance for Home Solar Installation

Urge the New Mexico State Legislature to create a program at the State level, comparable to Solarize Santa Fe, to assist individuals with questions about and funding of solar installation in homes.

6. Improvements to the New Mexico Energy Grid

Support improvements to the New Mexico Energy Grid including use for renewables and the ability to operate independently from the national grid.

7. Long-Term Water Sustainability

Support measures advocating for long-term water sustainability, including studies on water conservation, aquifer storage, and recycling/reusing water recovered from existing treatment plants as well as from large animal agricultural farms by installing high-level treatment facilities.

8. Statewide Expansion of Broadband Infrastructure

Support measures that promote broadband operations and extend highspeed infrastructure statewide.

- 9. New Mexico Grown Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for School and Senior Meals
 Appropriating funds for New Mexico grown fresh fruits and vegetables for school and
 senior meal programs and related education for schools and farmers.
- 10. Support the Protection and Enhancement of Pollinator Species and Their Habitat Supporting action to make property pollinator friendly, including planting pollinator friendly, regionally-appropriate plants and avoiding the use of pesticides known to kill pollinators, and supporting coordinated, regional, statewide and national action to protect pollinator species in order to implement the objectives set forth in Santa Fe County Resolution No. 2020-51.

11. Funding for NMED and EMNRD

Support funding for the New Mexico Environment Department and Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department to ensure that they are funded and staffed adequately to meet their statutory duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners does hereby support the previously mentioned 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 day of 1021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By:

Henry P. Roybal, Chair

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Greg Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney



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COUNTY OF SANTA FE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 1ST Day Of December, 2021 at 08:45:37 AM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1973161 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

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

