THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO.2021-170

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SANTA FE COUNTY 2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) discusses and approves support for legislative priorities as an important step in assuring the preservation and provision of exemplary services and policies; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the BCC take action to maintain revenues, programs, and services at the current or a higher level; and

WHEREAS, the BCC would like to demonstrate strong support to the state legislature for legislation accomplishing the following in community development:

1. Advancing Tourism

Supporting the New Mexico (NM) Tourism Department budget that will advance opportunities for all New Mexicans and enhance Santa Fe County (County) communities, create jobs, and increase visitor spending. Increasing the budget for the NM Tourism Department will allow it to expand proven programs, such as the Cooperative Advertising Program, fund existing staff positions, and drive demand in all four seasons. Furthermore, the BCC supports the one-time allocation of funding received by the State from the American Recovery Act of 2021 to the NM Tourism Department.

2. Facility Improvements and Transportation Infrastructure

Requesting \$1,200,000.00 for Solar Expansion Projects in County facilities. Furthermore, the BCC supports funding the construction of the Santa Fe Regional Airport terminal building expansion and related infrastructure to accommodate additional flights, increased seating, and enhanced flow of passenger traffic.

3. Broadband Infrastructure

Requesting \$1,200,000.00 for Broadband Infrastructure Expansion. Furthermore, the BCC supports any legislation that improves and expands broadband infrastructure throughout the state particularly in underserved and rural areas.

4. Community Health

Supporting the establishment of a regional drug treatment facility that would serve the residents of Santa Fe and northern New Mexico.

5. Tax Reform

Requests that the Legislature ensure harmless payments to counties and municipalities are not eliminated or further reduced and returned to their original schedule and/or ensure that any tax reform continues to hold counties and municipalities harmless in lieu of the enactment of legislation reinstating the gross receipts tax on food and medical.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BCC hereby supports the legislative priorities for community development set forth above, and urges that legislation incorporating these priorities be enacted by the state legislature during its 2022 legislative session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BCC opposes any legislation proposed in the 2022 New Mexico Legislative Session that if enacted could adversely impact Santa Fe County.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of December 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

Henry P. Roybal, Chair

Katharine E. Clark, Santa Fe County Clerk



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory S. Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney

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COUNTY OF SANTA FE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 15TH Day Of December, 2021 at 08:56:50 AM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1974493 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office

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Katharine E. Clark

Music County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

