

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 108

Introduced by: Commissioner Anna Hansen

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**A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING SANTA FE COUNTY 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION**

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**WHEREAS**, legislative pre-filing for the 2023 Regular Legislative Session will occur between January 3, 2023, and January 13, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe County (County) Board of County Commissioners (Board) 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 Board take action to maintain revenues, programs, and services at the current or a higher level; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board would like to demonstrate strong support to the state legislature for legislation accomplishing the following in environmental sustainability and climate action:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby supports legislation in the 2023 New Mexico Legislative Session that:

1. Relates to the advancement of environmental sustainability, community resiliency, and climate action;
2. Promotes water and energy conservation and/or management and improves sustainability at the state and local level;
3. Provides economic access and benefits for low-income households, while increasing their ability to access utilities, use cleaner forms of energy for electricity and transportation, and/or increase the energy efficiency of their residences;
4. Results in one or more of the following: the incentivizing of electric vehicle (EV) ownership and usage, decreases emissions from transportation, increases access to low/no carbon transportation options, especially for lower-income households, decreases the reliance on vehicle ownership, and decreases combustible fuel vehicle miles traveled;
5. Promotes water conservation and water planning;
6. Advances the sustainability and climate action goals of the County, including conservation and protection of natural resources, carbon neutrality, climate resilience, economic vitality, increased quality of life, and social equity;
7. Provides adequate funding and support for State departments tasked with implementing climate policies and programs;
8. Supports the prioritization of funding and funding mechanisms for infrastructure projects, energy projects, and economic development opportunities that enhance local communities and advance community resiliency and climate action.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Santa Fe County supports comprehensive climate legislation that will codify greenhouse gas emission targets at the state level for acceleration of emissions reduction prior to 2050, consistent with County Resolution No. 2022-088, A Resolution Supporting State Legislation to Establish Industry-Wide Reductions on the Emissions of Greenhouse Gases.

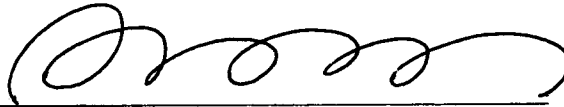
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Santa Fe County supports a Green Amendment to the New Mexico Constitution, adding a new section to Article II, the Bill of Rights, that establishes, among other things, a constitutional mandate recognizing a healthy environment as an inherent and generational right of all New Mexico citizens.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, while this Resolution represents a majority of the intent of the Board as to the 2023 New Mexico legislative priorities related to sustainability, other timely priorities may be approved by the Board, incorporated into the County's 2023 state legislative agenda, and forwarded to the County's lobbying team for action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Manager be directed to send a letter to Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and each member of our state legislature with this request and a copy of this Resolution as ultimately approved by the Board.


**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

By:   
Anna T. Hamilton, Chair



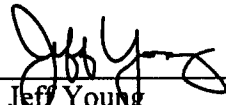
**ATTESTATION:**

  
Katharine E. Clark  
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 12/12/2022

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Jeff Young  
Santa Fe County Attorney

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 12TH Day Of December, 2022 at 02:12:10 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 2002965 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

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

