SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 164

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING SANTA FE COUNTY'S 2027 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION

WHEREAS, climate change threatens the continued habitability and sustainability of Santa Fe County (County) and the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the environment is under sustained attack from other sources as well; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners would like to demonstrate strong support to the State Legislature and Governor for environmental sustainability and climate action legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board strongly urges the New Mexico Legislature and Governor to enact legislation during the 2027 Regular Session that would:

1. Advance environmental sustainability, community resiliency, and climate action.
2. Promote clean water and energy conservation and/or management and improve sustainability at the state and local level, to include refinement and participation in the Water Security Act and Water Data Initiative, and increasing Green Stormwater Infrastructure throughout the region.
3. Provide 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 through programs such as Community Energy Efficiency Development (CEED), Tariffed On-Bill Financing (TOBR).
4. Research environmental and natural resource concerns such as air, water, and energy usage impacts for large-scale data center development, and provide best practice recommendations for development and community benefit agreements
5. Result in one or more of the following: the incentivizing of EV ownership and usage, decrease emissions from transportation, expand the development of EV charging infrastructure, increase access to low/no carbon transportation options, expand the production of low carbon intensity fuels, expand micro-mobility and multi-modal transportation options; especially for lower-income households, decrease the reliance on vehicle ownership, and decrease combustible fuel vehicle miles traveled.
6. Encourage code enforceable reductions in building sector emissions through the increase of renewable energy production, incentivizing energy efficiency improvements and building electrification especially for lower-income households and multi-family residences, to include support of IECC adoptions no less than two years from release.
7. Advance 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.

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8. Provide adequate funding and support for State departments tasked with implementing climate policies and programs and protecting the environment, such as the New Mexico Environment Department and Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.
9. Support 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.
10. Provide capital outlay for facility energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy (including photovoltaic solar) and resiliency improvements.
11. Create and advance pollinator friendly initiatives, to include healthy soil initiatives, incentivizing the planting of pollinator friendly, regionally-appropriate plants and avoiding, and/or banning the use of pesticides known to kill pollinators, harm human health and support 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.
12. Improve the New Mexico Energy Grid including increased microgrid access and renewable energy sourcing, transmission line capacity, and the ability to operate independently from the national and regional grid.
13. Provide and grow programs at the State level, such as Community Solar, and plug in solar to assist individuals with Community Solar participation, questions about and funding of solar installation in the residential and commercial sectors.
14. Prioritize oil and gas reform to ensure clean air, water, and soil, through capping requirements of legacy wells, increased methane emissions regulation, requirement of wildlife, and wetland sensitive area protection and buffers, transition to renewable energy and codification of net zero methane emissions.
15. Create new regulations that limit the use of anticoagulant rodenticides, which can be harmful or fatal to wildlife or pets that may eat the rodents after they have eaten the rodenticides. Encourage other environmentally friendly options.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports comprehensive climate legislation that will codify greenhouse gas emission targets at the state level for 2050.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports the state's adoption of the Advanced Clean Cars and Advanced Clean Trucks rules to strategically eliminate emissions from transportation in the coming future and increase air quality throughout the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports legislation 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports the creation and enactment of surface water rules that further protect and conserve this natural resource throughout the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports the New Mexico Governor's executive order expanding and investing in climate-ready and infrastructure workforce goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports residential and commercial electrification and energy efficiency upgrade programs; training and certification of contractors for energy audits and projects in commercial and residential buildings.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.

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By: _____
Justin S. Greene, Chair

ATTESTATION:

_____ Date: 11/12/2026
Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

Approved as to form:

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