

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 92**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THE
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN**

WHEREAS, in Santa Fe County our wildlife resources are fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the Upper Rio Grande Basin and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife has fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily, seasonal and ecological needs, and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, public lands and waters provide vital habitat for hundreds of wildlife species and also include important corridors for wildlife to safely move and migrate across larger landscapes; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation such as roads, fences, development, and other human-created and natural barriers, are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resources managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Santa Fe National Forest have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands: and

WHEREAS, the proposed Special Management Area referred to as the Caja del Rio Wildlife and Cultural Interpretive Management Area is an area of profound cultural and historical significance and is critical to wildlife habitat and connectivity: and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protection of wildlife corridors in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County that Santa Fe County expresses support for, and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact, the Wild Life Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by

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establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating species; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Santa Fe County expresses support for the Santa Fe National Forest to adopt and establish special management areas that would provide protection for wildlife corridors; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to express support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 9th DAY OF July, 2019.

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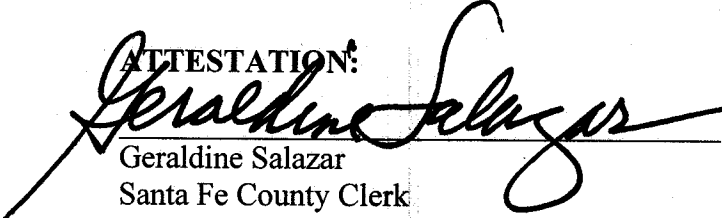


Anna Hamilton, Chair



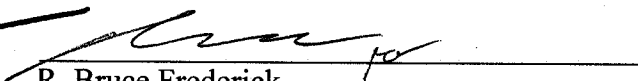
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ATTESTATION:



Geraldine Salazar
Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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County Attorney

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