

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 070

Introduced by:
Commissioner Anna Hansen

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 21, 2022, AS THE INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF PEACE AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REDUCE
FUNDING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND
REALLOCATE THOSE FUNDS TO DOMESTIC NEEDS**

WHEREAS, the United States is a member state of the United Nations which has ratified the Charter of the United Nations. The Charter states “We the peoples of the United Nations [are] determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and so reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small;” and

WHEREAS, the United Nations declared September 21st as the International Day of Peace with the goal of strengthening the ideals of peace and promoting non-violence; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Congress approved a \$778 billion military budget for Fiscal Year 2022, which consumes 51% of every federal income tax dollar and consumes an estimated 52% of the entire federal discretionary budget; and

WHEREAS, according to data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, in 2020, the United States taxpayers paid more for their military than the combined military expenditures of China, Saudi Arabia, Russia, India, France, the United Kingdom, and Japan; and

WHEREAS, according to the Political Economy Research Institute of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, spending \$1 billion on domestic priorities produces “substantially more jobs within the U.S. economy than would the same \$1 billion spent on the military;” and

WHEREAS, U.S. Congress should reallocate federal military outlays toward domestic human and environmental needs; fund low-income housing; eradicate food insecurity; fund superior education from pre-school through college; convert the United States to clean energy; build high-speed rail between U.S. cities; finance a full-employment jobs program; and, increase non-military foreign aid; and

WHEREAS, promoting non-military solutions to global problems could reasonably be expected to reduce individual reliance on guns and violence in addressing personal disputes and acts of desperation across the nation and within Santa Fe County.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby:

1. Recognizes the International Day of Peace on September 21, 2022.
2. Urges the U.S. Congress to honor the spirit of the International Day of Peace by dramatically cutting military spending and reallocate taxpayer funds taken from United States citizens and apply them toward the above-mentioned domestic needs.
3. Requests that the County Manager forward this Resolution to Santa Fe County's Federal Delegation, U.S. Senators Martin Heinrich and Ben Ray Lujan and Congressional Representative Teresa Ledger Fernandez, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, the leadership of the New Mexico Senate and House, Senators and Representatives in the New Mexico Legislature representing Santa Fe County, and New Mexico Counties' Board of Directors and Executive Director.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 13th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

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By: Anna T. Hamilton
Anna T. Hamilton, Chair



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ATTESTATION:
Katharine E. Clark
Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 09/13/2022

Approved as to form:
Jeff Young
Jeff Young
Santa Fe County Attorney

Date: Sept 14, 2022

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss
I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for
Record On The 14TH Day Of September, 2022 at 07:56:49 AM
And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1997531
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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Katharine E. Clark
Deputy Dorothy Powers County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

