

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 111**

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE DECLARATION OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY,
JOINING THE GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE, AND REQUESTING REGIONAL
COLLABORATION ON AN IMMEDIATE JUST TRANSITION AND EMERGENCY
MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE**

WHEREAS, in April 2016 world leaders from 175 countries recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to address it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep warming “well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C”; and

WHEREAS, the death and destruction already wrought by global warming of approximately 1°C demonstrate that the Earth is already too hot for safety and justice, as attested by increased and intensifying wildfires, floods, rising seas, diseases, droughts and extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, climate change and the global economy’s overshoot of ecological limits are driving the sixth mass extinction of species, which could severely alter life on Earth; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has disproportionately contributed to the climate and ecological crises and has repeatedly obstructed global efforts to transition toward a sustainable economy, and thus bears an extraordinary responsibility to rapidly solve these crises; and

WHEREAS, restoring a safe and stable climate requires an emergency mobilization on a scale not seen since World War II to reach zero greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors at wartime speed, to rapidly and safely drawdown or remove all the excess carbon from the atmosphere, and to implement measures to protect all people and species from the consequences of abrupt climate change; and

WHEREAS, the term “just transition” is a framework for a fair shift to an economy that is ecologically sustainable, equitable and just for all its members; and

WHEREAS, just transition strategies were first forged by a ‘blue-green’ alliance of labor unions and environmental justice groups who saw the need to phase out the industries that were harming workers, community health and the planet, while also providing just pathways for workers into new livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, just transition initiatives shift the economy from dirty energy to energy democracy, from funding highways to expanding public transit, from incinerators and landfills to zero waste, from industrial food systems to food sovereignty, from car-dependent sprawl and unbridled growth to smart urban development without displacement, and from rampant, destructive over-development to habitat and ecosystem restoration; and

WHEREAS, justice requires that frontline communities, which have historically borne the brunt of the extractive fossil-fuel economy, participate actively in the planning and implementation of this mobilization effort at all levels of government and that they benefit first from the transition to a renewable energy economy; and

WHEREAS, fairness demands a guarantee of high-paying, good-quality jobs with comprehensive benefits for all and many other tenets of a Green New Deal effort as the mobilization to restore a safe climate is launched; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County can act as a global leader by both converting to an ecologically, socially, and economically regenerative economy at emergency speed, and by catalyzing a unified regional just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort this year; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 2017-68 in support of the Paris Agreement committing to exploring the potential benefits of adopting policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of greenhouse gas emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 2018-124 in support of State of New Mexico Legislature initiatives and administrative actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency, renewable energy production, water conservation, and watershed management; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 2019-41 supporting the County's transition to clean, renewable electricity by participating in the Public Service Company of New Mexico Solar Direct Program to increase the County's portfolio of renewable energy to over 80% upon completion of PNM's solar generation facility.

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

1. Joins other counties and cities of the United States in supporting the Global Climate Strike on Friday, September 20, 2019, and encourages Santa Fe County employees to use personal time to participate in the strike;
2. Declares that a climate emergency threatens our region, state, nation, civilization, humanity, and the natural world;
3. Commits to establishing a countywide Just Transition Plan to include a climate emergency mobilization effort to expeditiously reduce countywide greenhouse gas emissions, to adapt resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts, to support community solar legislation, and to provide maximum protection for County residents as well as all the people and species of the world;

4. Commits to the continued education of County residents about the climate emergency;
5. Underscores the need for full community participation in addressing the climate emergency, including the residents of Santa Fe County and all community organizations and institutions that tend to needs of faith, youth, labor, business, education, homeowners, environment, economy, race, gender, family, disability, indigenous, immigrant, and women, and who will be integral to and in the leadership of the mobilization effort;
6. Commits to keeping the concerns of vulnerable communities central to the Just Transition Plan and climate emergency mobilization effort planning processes and to inviting and encouraging such communities to actively participate in order to advocate directly for their needs;
7. Joins a national-wide call for a regional just transition and climate emergency mobilization collaborative effort focused on transforming our region and rapidly catalyzing a mobilization at all levels of government to restore a safe climate; and
8. Calls on the State of New Mexico, the United States of America, and all governments and peoples worldwide to declare a climate emergency; and to initiate a just transition and climate emergency mobilization effort to reverse global warming by restoring near pre-industrial global average temperatures and greenhouse gas concentrations that immediately halts the development of all new fossil fuel infrastructure; rapidly phases out all fossil fuels and the technologies which rely upon them; ends greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible; initiates an effort to safely draw down carbon from the atmosphere; transitions to regenerative agriculture; limits the sixth mass extinction; and creates high-quality, good-paying jobs with comprehensive benefits for those who will be impacted by this transition.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019

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OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

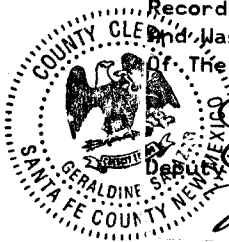
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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Anna T. Hamilton, Chair

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County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: *September 10, 2019*



Approved as to form:



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Santa Fe County Attorney

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