

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 68**

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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS  
AGREEMENT**

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**WHEREAS**, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

**WHEREAS**, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods), adverse impacts on ecosystems, and demographic patterns; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Basin Study- Adaptations to Projected Changes in Water Supply and Demand, a collaborative analysis between Santa Fe county, the city of Santa Fe, and the Bureau of Reclamation, identified that the native Rio Grande water supplies, on which the County's water utility depends, is projected to be reduced by approximately 33% by the 2050s; and

**WHEREAS**, responding to the climate change provides communities an opportunity to access "first mover" advantage in the range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

**WHEREAS**, over 1,200 governors, local governments, businesses, investors, and colleges and universities, representing the broadest cross section of the United States economy yet assembled in pursuit of climate action, have declared their intent to continue to ensure that the United States remains a global leader in reducing carbon emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, 194 countries have committed to policies that will increase reliance on renewable energy sources that New Mexico is well qualified to provide, thereby creating an economic opportunity for the citizens and businesses of New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, it is local and state governments, along with businesses, that are primarily responsible for the dramatic decrease in greenhouse gas

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emissions in recent years, and such actions by individual groups will multiply and accelerate in the years ahead, no matter what policies Washington may adopt; and

**WHEREAS**, in the absence of leadership from Washington, states, cities, counties, colleges and universities and businesses representing a sizeable percentage of the U.S. economy will pursue ambitious climate goals, working together to take forceful action and to ensure that the U.S. remains a global leader in reducing emissions; and

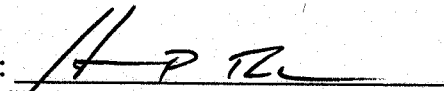
**WHEREAS**, the County has begun reducing its greenhouse gas emissions through implementing waste reduction, recycling, water conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy systems in County facilities and operations.

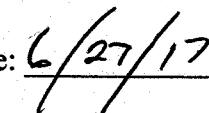
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Santa Fe County (County) Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. The County joins other cities of the United States, including the City of Santa Fe, in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement.
2. The County is committed to leading by example in reducing greenhouse gas emissions by implementing waste reduction, recycling, water conservation, and clean energy strategies in all aspects of its facilities and daily operation and reporting results to the Board annually.
3. The County is committed to exploring the potential benefits and costs 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.
4. On behalf of the County, the County Manager is directed to sign onto the "Open letter to the international community and parties to the Paris Agreement from the U.S. state, local, and business leaders" at: <https://ceres.secure.force.com/BusinessParisResponse/>

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2017.**

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

By:   
Henry P. Roybal, Chair

Date: 

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ATTEST:

*Geraldine Salazar*  
Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 6-27-2017



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Gregory S. Shaffer*  
Gregory S. Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney

Date: 6/19/2017



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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
Geraldine Salazar  
Deputy *A. Loma Hernandez* County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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