

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 22

Introduced by:  
Commissioner Anna Hansen

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A RESOLUTION  
TO CARRY OUT AND CULTIVATE CLIMATE ACTION FOR THE FIFTIETH YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

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**WHEREAS**, April 22, 2020, marks the fiftieth year anniversary of Earth Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, as a unified response to an environment in crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the original Earth Day Proclamation, written by John McConnell, stated “Planet Earth is facing a grave crisis which only the people of Earth can resolve, and the delicate balances of nature, essential for our survival, can only be saved through a global effort, involving all of us”; and

**WHEREAS**, on the first Earth Day 20 million Americans – 10% of the U.S. population - took to the streets in hundreds of cities and college campuses to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Earth Day is credited with kicking off the “environmental decade with a bang”, launching the modern environmental movement, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States such as the Clean Air Act, Water Quality Improvement Act, and Endangered Species Acts as well as the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day continues to hold major national and international significance; in 2016, the United Nations chose Earth Day as the day when the historic Paris Agreement on climate change was signed, and in 2020, the global focus is “Climate Action”; and

**WHEREAS**, the County supports policies and implemented initiatives protective of land, air, and water, including the Sustainable Growth Management Plan, the Sustainable Land Development Code, the County’s Food Plan, The County’s Health Action Plan and the Economic Development Plan that sustain local agriculture and ranching, create open space, oppose wildlife trapping, support carbon pricing, reduce waste, promote energy efficiency, and seek clean renewable energy; and

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to continue to demonstrate its commitment to restoring open space, nurturing vibrant plant communities, providing wildlife habitat, developing healthy soils, protecting surface and groundwater, and maintaining good air quality; and

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**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes that planting trees, shrubs and grasses, in the right location and with the right care is a vital strategy to increase ecosystem resiliency and combat the climate crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, County recognizes that the planting of drought tolerant trees, shrubs and grasses appropriate for Santa Fe's bioregion, is a community action toward the building of community awareness and stewardship in the effort to combat the climate crisis as a community; and

**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes that the climate crisis is the greatest current threat to land, air, and water locally and globally; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 2017-18 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 2019-111 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to support the theme for the fiftieth year anniversary of Earth Day of 'climate action'.

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

1. Continues to use its resources to protect land, air, and water, especially in light of the impacts from the climate crisis.
2. Honors the work of activist Sally Rodgers, who was instrumental in organizing the first Earth Day in Santa Fe.
3. Collaborates with all partnering organizations in cultivating and seeking to secure climate actions in the community.
4. Takes climate action by organizing volunteer April 2020 planting events of drought tolerant trees, shrubs, and grasses appropriate for Santa Fe's bioregion in each of the Commission districts.
5. Provides plant seedlings to community members who pledge to plant and look after them, and
6. Urges every community member to pledge a "climate action", and to document such pledges with Earth Day 2020 coalition, in order to track impacts from the combined pledges and plantings.
7. Encourages County residents and businesses to participate in the global climate strike called for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2020.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.**

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Henry P. Roybal, Chair

ATTEST:

*Geraldine Salazar*  
Geraldine Salazar  
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: March 6, 2020

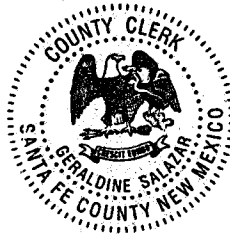
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Gregory S. Shaffer  
Santa Fe County Attorney

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Geraldine Salazar  
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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