

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 18**

**A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING SANTA FE COUNTY TO JOIN THE
COALITION OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES NEW
MEXICO (“CSC”) AS A FOUNDING MEMBER**

WHEREAS, sustainability works to create resilient, equitable, and prosperous communities for current and future generations while adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that climate change caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems threatening human well-being and ecological stability today; and

WHEREAS, many state agencies, local governments, and native communities in New Mexico, including Santa Fe County (County), have already begun reducing their greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency, waste reduction, recycling, water conservation, fleet efficiency, and renewable energy production practices; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) has expressed its intent to reduce greenhouse gas emission in numerous resolutions, including most recently Resolution No. 2017-68, which conforms to the targets set in the Paris Agreement in order to limit global mean temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioner (NMPRC) has opened a docket, NMPRC No. 17-00211-UT, to consider a rule that would have electric utilities in New Mexico reduce their carbon footprint by 4 percent per year from 2012 levels, with an 80% reduction required by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the Board passed Resolution No. 2018-124, which supports 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, communities across the County and New Mexico are experiencing the impacts of climate change and community leaders accept the responsibility to act on

behalf of their residents to ensure the safety, prosperity, and natural resources for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to increase its knowledge of, and participate in, collaborative opportunities that conserve resources, promote renewable energy, stimulate social equity and engagement, and increase sustainable practices in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's counties, cities, other local governments, state legislature, and Pueblos and Native American Nations and Tribes have significant opportunities to provide incentives and resources to increase sustainability and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, by working together in a coalition, communities can increase their leverage to influence the adoption of policies, tools, and programs necessary to support sustainability at the local, state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico (CSC) is a membership-based, non-partisan, non-profit organization funded by grants, donations, and membership dues operating under the umbrella of the Santa Fe Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, during the first year of the CSC, members will not be required to pay membership fees. Subsequently, membership fees will be assigned; and

WHEREAS, the CSC is committed to increasing member awareness on nationwide key policies, regulations, issues, and best practices that can be readily be adapted by local governments; and

WHEREAS, the CSC will facilitate the adoptions and implementation of sustainability initiatives that will continue to create well-being and economic opportunities for the communities of New Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. The County will seek to join CSC as a founding member until membership fees are assigned. Due to the fact that membership fees have not been determined at this time, the Board will meet again to determine whether funds can be appropriated to continue membership beyond year one.
2. As a founding member of CSC, the County intends to work with CSC to provide the leadership, capacity building, and cooperation to accelerate efforts to stimulate resilient, equitable, and prosperous New Mexico communities.

- The County Manager and staff is hereby authorized to pursue initial membership in the CSC to the extent membership is not contrary to interests of the County or any law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 29th DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

Anna T. Hamilton
 Anna T. Hamilton, Chair



ATTESTATION:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Geraldine Salazar
 Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

R. Bruce Fredrick
 R. Bruce Fredrick, County Attorney

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COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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 Deputy *Estrella Martinez* County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

