

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 005

Introduced by:
Commissioner Anna Hansen

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
IN THE 2021 NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE SESSION RELATED TO THE
ADVANCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE
ACTION

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 ecological stability and human well-being today; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners ("the Board") passed Resolution No. 2017-68 which adopted and supported the goals set in the Paris Agreement and expressed the Board's intention to support greenhouse gas emission reduction within the County and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Resolution 2013-7 which established sustainable resource management principles and directed staff to "lead by example" with respect to implementing cost-effective waste reduction, recycling, and clean energy strategies in County operations; and

WHEREAS, many state and local governments in New Mexico, including Santa Fe County, have already begun reducing their greenhouse gas emissions through implementing energy efficiency, waste reduction, recycling, water conservation, fleet efficiency and renewable energy production in County facilities and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to encourage and work with the State of New Mexico, other counties, Native American Pueblos, Tribes, and Nations, and local governments to continue to prioritize the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico State Legislature, New Mexican counties, Native American Pueblos, Tribes, and Nations, and local governments have significant opportunities to provide incentives and resources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, hereby supports legislation in the 2021 Legislative Session that:

1. Relates to the advancement of environmental sustainability, resiliency, and climate action;

2. Will authorize the development of a community solar program that provides customers with the voluntary option of accessing solar energy produced by a community solar facility through a subscription process;
3. Increases options for consumers to choose cleaner sources of energy by opening electricity markets to competition;
4. Accelerates the adoption of technology and practices that will result in one or more of the following: decrease emissions from transportation, increase access to low/no carbon transportation options, especially for lower income households, decrease reliance on vehicle ownership, and decrease vehicle miles traveled;
5. Creates a tax credit for the purchase or lease of an electric vehicle and for the installation of at-home charging infrastructure, enabling more New Mexicans to purchase electric vehicles and utilize the charging station network which is being expanded across the state;
6. Incentivizes energy efficiency related technology and practices that decrease energy consumption in new buildings;
7. Incentivizes the adoption and retrofitting of existing buildings with technology that decreases energy consumption and provides economic benefits for occupants and/or owners, especially low-income households;
8. Will provide for transparency, agency cooperation, information sharing, and access to current scientific data to protect and enhance New Mexico's precious natural resources;
9. Will increase funding for the New Mexico Environment Department;
10. Focuses on improving local food systems and resilient agriculture, healthy soils, strengthening food and water relief and recovery, and addressing root causes of food insecurity;
11. Promotes water reuse, water planning and other legislation designed to improve overall sustainability at the state and local level;
12. Will codify New Mexico state targets for greenhouse gas emission reductions and accelerates our progress in helping meet the goals of the Paris Agreement at the international level and our own sustainability programs at the local level;
13. Advances the environmental sustainability goals of Santa Fe County including carbon neutrality, ecological resilience, economic vitality, and quality of life and social equity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Santa Fe County supports a comprehensive climate bill that will codify greenhouse gas emission targets at the state level for 2030.

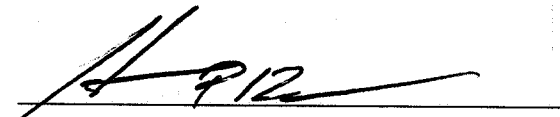
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Santa Fe County supports a Green Amendment to the New Mexico Constitution, adding a new section to Article II, the Bill of Rights, that establishes, among other things, a constitutional mandate recognizing a healthy environment as an inherent and generational right of all New Mexico citizens.

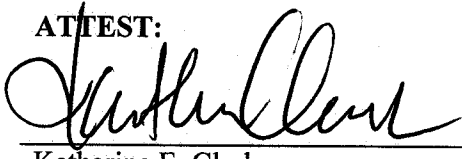
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, while this Resolution represents a majority of the intent of the Board as to 2021 New Mexico legislative priorities related to sustainability, other timely priorities may be approved by the Board, incorporated into the County's 2021 state legislative agenda, and forwarded to the County's lobbying team for action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager is directed to forward this Resolution to 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 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

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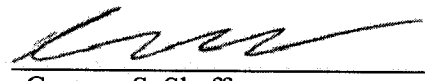

Henry P. Roybal, Chair

ATTEST:

Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

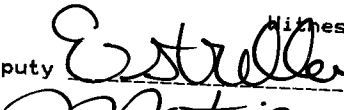


Date: 1/13/21

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Gregory S. Shaffer
Santa Fe County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss
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Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM
Katharine E. Clark



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