

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF ROOSEVELT
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-29**

A Resolution Proposing a Lower Speed Limit on County Roads

WHEREAS, New Mexico statute §67-2-1 NMSA 1978 states that all roads and highways, except private roads, that are recognized and maintained by any county, are declared to be public highways in the State of New Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County presently has approximately 1232 miles of recognized and maintained public roads within its boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to New Mexico statute §66-7-301(A)(3) NMSA 1978, the speed on all county roads, unless otherwise posted is 75 miles per hour; and,

WHEREAS, the large majority of all Roosevelt County roads are dirt on caliche; and,

WHEREAS, the number of vehicles that are being driven and the number of drivers driving on the roads has increased dramatically, which has resulted in more vehicles being driven on County roads; and,

WHEREAS, with the financial difficulties counties in New Mexico are facing and with reduced funding from Santa Fe, it is becoming increasingly difficult for county road departments to maintain all the roads each year and keep them in the condition necessary to handle the volume of traffic safely at such high speeds; and,

WHEREAS, studies have shown that reduced speed limits are one way to reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents, as well as serious injuries and deaths from said accidents; and,

WHEREAS, under the existing statutory framework, counties can lower speed limits on certain county roads but, are required to obtain traffic studies and be responsible for posting speed limits on all said roads, which further burdens the County's financial problems; and,

WHEREAS, the present speed limit of 75 miles per hour on County roads is higher than the posted speed limit on any paved, improved or multi-lane state road in New Mexico.

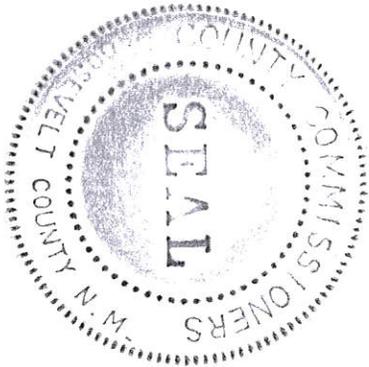
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Roosevelt County requests the New Mexico



Association of Counties, the New Mexico Senate and the New Mexico Legislature to consider an amendment to existing New Mexico statute §66-7-301(A)(3) that would reduce the speed limit from seventy-five (75) miles per hour on all roads and highways, except private roads that are recognized and maintained by any county and are currently not posted.

RESOLVED, this 3rd day of February, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Absent

Kendell Buzard, Chairman, District V

Jake Lopez

Jake Lopez, Vice Chairman, District I

Gene Creighton

Gene Creighton, District IV

Richard Leal

Richard Leal, District II

Shane Lee

Shane Lee, District III



ATTEST:

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DeAun Searl, Roosevelt County Clerk

