PROCLAMATION

"Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month"

December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County officials value the health and safety of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, local leaders, in government and in the community, know that the support of the citizens in our communities is the most effective tool they can have in their efforts to reduce the use of alcohol and other drugs by New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County is joining with the listed New Mexico DWI Coordinators Affiliates to support their efforts to reduce DWI crashes, DWI fatalities and the use of alcohol by residents throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico DWI Coordinators Affiliate represents 33 counties with the common goal of reducing the incidence of DWI, alcoholism, alcohol abuse, drug addiction or drug abuse and preventing or reducing the incidence of domestic abuse related to the use or abuse of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico DWI Coordinators in the 33 counties provide services under Local DWI Programs that provide Compliance Monitoring/Tracking for over 12,000 offenders ensuring that these offenders are in compliance with Court Ordered requirements; Roosevelt County provides Compliance Monitoring/Tracking for over 60 local DWI offenders; and

WHEREAS, these programs throughout the State also provided more than 22,000 hours and 11,000 sessions of treatment in 2021 with over 9,000 clients receiving detoxification services; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has 15 Teen Court programs across the state; Roosevelt County has a very active Teen Court program with over 20 high school students undertaking the duties of attorneys, bailiffs and jurors; and

WHEREAS, alcohol involved fatalities have decreased in New Mexico since 2019; Roosevelt County has had 0 alcohol related fatalities for 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in alcohol involved vehicle crash fatalities and serious alcohol involved vehicle crash injuries is due in part to the dedicated work of the Local DWI Programs; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month is to raise awareness around DWI, alcoholism, alcohol abuse, drug addiction and/or drug abuse, and the efforts of the DWI Affiliates and the Local DWI Programs; and

WHEREAS, Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month will be celebrated in Curry, De Baca and Roosevelt counties in New Mexico during, December 1st - 31st, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the governing body Roosevelt County, Board of Commissioners, does hereby designate December, 2021 as:

"Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month"

Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners urges all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools and colleges in Roosevelt County to support efforts that will increase community awareness, understanding and action to address DWI in our community.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISIONERS OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY

Ah day of <u>December</u>, 2021

ATTEST:

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APPROVAL AS TO FORM:

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