



RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2021-47

Supporting the 2022 Legislative Priorities of New Mexico Counties

WHEREAS, in October 2021, the New Mexico Counties Board of Directors approved three legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature at its 2022 session; *and*

WHEREAS, NMC has requested that the Board of County Commissioners in each of the state's 33 counties discuss and approve support for NMC's legislative priorities as an important step in assuring maximum understanding of NMC's legislative priorities at the county level; *and*

WHEREAS, county support enables NMC to demonstrate strong local and statewide support to the state legislature for the following issues:

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2. Law Enforcement Protection Fund

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3. Courthouse Funding

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the legislative priorities of the New Mexico Association of Counties as set forth above, and urges that legislation incorporating these priorities be enacted by the state legislature during its 2022 session.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on this 8th day of November, 2021 by the Board of Roosevelt County Commissioners in an open meeting in Portales, New Mexico.

**BODY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

ATTEST:

Mandi M. Park
Mandi Park, County Clerk

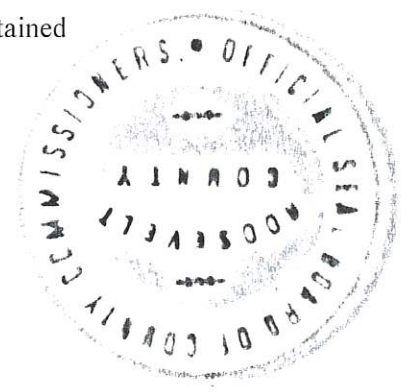
Tina Dixon
Tina Dixon, Chairman – District IV
Voted: Yes No Abstained

absent
Lewis (Shane) Lee, Vice Chair – District III
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Dennis Lopez
Dennis Lopez – District I
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Rodney Savage
Rodney Savage – District II
Voted: Yes No Abstained

Paul Grider
Paul Grider – District V
Voted: Yes No Abstained



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