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EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-____

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE AMTRAK
SOUTHWEST CHIEF PASSENGER SERVICE THROUGH LAMY (SANTA FE), NEW
MEXICO**

WHEREAS, Amtrak's Southwest Chief serves northern New Mexico on its route between Chicago and Los Angeles on the host railroad line of Burlington Northern Santa Fe;

WHEREAS, the Southwest Chief and its famous predecessors (such as the Santa Fe Railroad's fabled Super Chief) have served this route since the late 1880s;

WHEREAS, eastbound and westbound trains stop at Lamy daily and served more than 118,687 New Mexico passengers in 2010, including 13,056 Lamy passengers;

WHEREAS, Amtrak provides a transportation link to the residents of northern New Mexico that is of growing importance and will likely become critical as rising energy prices curtail the attractiveness of driving and flying;

WHEREAS, the train is a key economic contributor to northern New Mexico, including the cities of Raton, Las Vegas, Lamy (Santa Fe), Albuquerque and Gallup;

WHEREAS, railway freight traffic has declined, thereby reducing monies customarily set aside for rail maintenance and consequently forcing travel at lower speeds;

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that the rail traversed by the Southwest Chief is in immediate need of more than \$100 million in rail repairs in three states, including New Mexico, in order to resume normal speeds;

WHEREAS, it has been further projected that rail repairs over the course of the entire rail will total \$300 million over the next ten years;

WHEREAS, Amtrak is unable to make said repairs given current fiscal conditions;

WHEREAS, the route of the Southwest Chief through Raton, Las Vegas, Lamy (Santa Fe) and Albuquerque is threatened by an alternative route under consideration that would reroute the train south from Newton, Kansas through the Texas Panhandle to New Mexico west of Albuquerque, bypassing Lamy. (Santa Fe)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, to call upon the Governor of the State of New Mexico, members of the legislature of the State of New Mexico, and the congressional delegation of the State of New Mexico to strongly endorse continuation of Amtrak's current Southwest Chief route through northern New Mexico.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of May 2012.

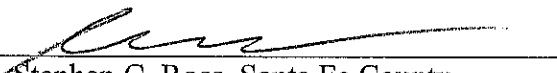
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

Liz Stefanics, County Commission Chair

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk

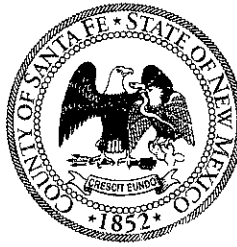


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DATE: April 30, 2012

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager

FROM: ^{CS} Chris M. Barela, Constituent Service Liaison District 3

RE: Resolution in support of issues and concerns of constituents in district 3 of Santa Fe County and throughout Santa Fe County

ISSUE:

On the agenda under Matters from the Commission is: Resolution No. 2012-___, in support of issues and concerns of constituents in district 3 and throughout the entire county. Many constituents have made contact with county numerous times voicing their thoughts on the items enclosed in this resolution.

REQUEST ACTION:

Commissioner Robert A. Anaya respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners to support and approve this item.

SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-____

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF CONSTITUENTS IN
DISTRICT THREE OF SANTA FE COUNTY AND
THROUGHOUT SANTA FE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Fe currently benefits from numerous bus transportation routes from the North Central Regional Transportation District (NCRTD);

WHEREAS, constituents residing along Highway 14, and in the communities of Golden, San Pedro, Madrid, Cerrillos and La Cienega would benefit from a bus route through their communities;

WHEREAS, the crimes such as burglary occur within Santa Fe County and constituents have been victimized and are concerned about public safety and desire that Santa Fe County provide more deputies throughout the entire county;

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Fe has taken steps to purchase the Mt. Chalchihuitl turquoise mine and the Cerrillos Grave Products tract and constituents desire that Santa Fe County continue taking steps to complete these acquisitions;

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Fe has numerous community centers and the community of Stanley would benefit from a wellness center which would provide great opportunities for the ranching and farming community and agricultural youth programs; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Fe has several senior centers, however seniors residing along the highway 14 corridor have no easy access to a senior center and would benefit from a County senior center in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County to respond to the issues and concerns of constituents in District 3 and throughout Santa Fe County.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 2012.

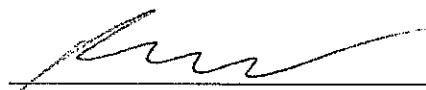
By: _____

Liz Stefanics, Chair

Attest:

Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk

Approved as to form:



Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney

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