



**VALENCIA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-49**

**SUPPORTING THE 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
OF THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, in August 2016, the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Association of Counties approved four legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature at its 2017 regular legislative session; *and*

WHEREAS, NMAC has requested that the Board of County Commissioners in each of the state's 33 counties adopt a resolution supporting NMAC's legislative priorities; *and*

WHEREAS, this is an important step in assuring maximum understanding of, and support for, NMAC's legislative priorities at the county level; *and*

WHEREAS, the adoption of such resolutions will enable NMAC to demonstrate to the state legislature local and statewide support for NMAC's legislative priorities; *and*

WHEREAS, the legislative priorities include support for legislation on the following four issues:

- **Whistleblower Protection Act**

Support amendments to, among other things, better define the definition of "good faith" by requiring some minimal threshold of evidence to file a claim, narrow the definition of "retaliatory action", limit "unlawful or improper act(s)" to violations of state or federal law, and narrow the universe of individuals to whom a complaint may be communicated as a precondition to filing a claim.

- **New Mexico 911 Act Revision**

Support an amendment to the 911 surcharge statute (63-9D, NMSA 1978) to ensure all technologies utilizing 911 services are contributing equally to the New Mexico 911 fund.

- **Forfeiture Act**

Support amendments to the Forfeiture Act that remove unreasonable burdens placed on law enforcement agencies, allow law enforcement agencies to retain forfeited property under limited circumstances, clarify appropriate use of forfeiture, and ensure that due process rights of parties involved are honored.

• **Capital Outlay for Non-Governmental Entities**

Support recommendations that allow local Board of County Commissioners to: accept, approve, and review non-governmental entities' capital outlay funds and their fiscal impacts to county's finances prior to submission to the state legislature; suspend acceptance of 2017 legislative session capital outlay funds for purchases of vehicles, information technology, and any capital outlay expenditure of less than \$50,000; and authorize the collection of a 3% administrative fee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County 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 2017 regular legislative session.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 7th day of September, 2016.

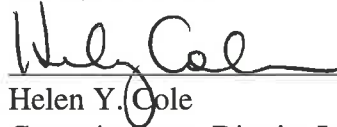
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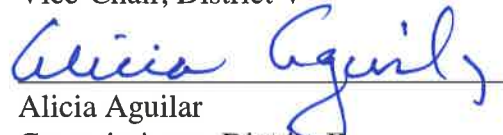
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