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**RESOLUTION #2019-16**

**OPPOSING THE HOUSING OF IMMIGRANTS IN  
COLFAX COUNTY AND THE USE OF THE COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT RESOURCES TO SUPPORT  
IMMIGRANTS**

**WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, S 4-37-1(1975)** grants Counties the power necessary "to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the county and for its legal Citizens:"

**WHEREAS, NMSA 1978 S 4-38-18(1876)** provides that the Board of County Commissioners has the power to represent the County and to manage the interest of the County;

**WHEREAS, PROCLAMATION 9844 OF FEBRUARY 15, 2019**, "Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Southern Border of the United States." Declares "the current situation at the southern border presents a border security and humanitarian crisis that threatens core national security interests and constitutes a national emergency."

**WHEREAS**, border cities are declaring states of emergency because they lack the resources to handle the influx of illegal immigrants being apprehended and released from federal custody;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Border Patrol lacks space to house all of the immigrants entering the United States and has dropped off immigrants in NM cities and counties, leaving it to those local governments to house these immigrants in public facilities;

**WHEREAS**, Colfax County has a limited tax base, is currently considering raising tax rates and considering new tax sources to meet the needs of its current residents, lacks facilities to house immigrants and cannot meet the needs of an influx of immigrants;

Now therefore, be it enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of Colfax County, New Mexico, declares it is necessary for the public peace, health and safety, that:

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