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RESOLUTION #2018-26

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2019
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE
NEW MEXICO COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, in August 2018, the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Counties approved five legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature at its 2018 regular legislative session; *and*

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

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

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

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

- **HB 2 Appropriations**

- Detention Reimbursement Fund**

- Restore funding for the County Detention Facilities Reimbursement Act to the original appropriation level of \$5 million.

- Prisoner Transport and extradition**

- Create a line item in the DFA Budget for \$750,000 to reimburse sheriff's offices that provide transportation of state prisoners.

EMS Funding

Appropriate \$5 million dollars annually to the Emergency Medical Services Fund in the Department of Health budget and identify a designated revenue mechanism to provide continuous fund growth and stability.

- **Behavioral Health**

Require the New Mexico Human Services Department to ensure the provision of comprehensive services no nonviolent adult and juvenile offenders, housed with the department of corrections or in a county detention center, who have a serious mental illness including co-occurring substance use disorders.

- **Fire Protection Fund**

Remove the State Fire Marshal's Office and Fire Protection Fund from the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

- **Forfeiture Act Reform**

Support legislation that would correct the unintended consequences of the 2015 amendments to the NM Forfeiture Act to address federal equitable sharing, storage of abandoned property, and expand local authority to seize and dispose of forfeited property while preserving due process protections.

- **Tax Reform**

NMC supports tax reform efforts that improve economic efficiency, economic development, ease of administration, and overall fairness of the state and local tax system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Colfax County Board of County Commissioners does hereby support the legislative priorities of the New Mexico Counties as set forth above, and urges that legislation incorporating these priorities be enacted by the state legislature during its 2018 regular session.

APPROVED IN OPEN MEETING THIS 25TH OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.

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William E. Sauble

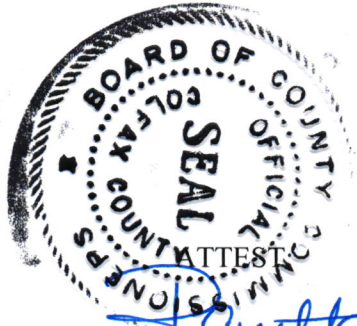
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