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RESOLUTION #2018-28

COLFAX COUNTY AGREEING TO THE FORMATION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ENCHANTED CIRCLE COUNCILOF GOVERMENTS (ECCoG)

WHEREAS, the Inter-Governmental Council (IGC) has reviewed and unanimously recommended that there be created an Enchanted Circle Council of Governments (ECCoG) for the purposes of coordination and collaboration by the local governments of Taos and Colfax County for the enhancement of community and economic development, as well as to promote networking and cooperation on other areas of mutual benefit to the governmental parties; and

WHEREAS, the the governing body recognizes that our community functions as part of an inter-connected regional economy in the greater Enchanted Circle and is directly impacted by both our partners and the prosperity of the entire region; and

WHEREAS, the governing body supports and wishes to work collaboratively with the our neighboring County and municipal governments toward improving the regional economy and quality of life for all citizens of our community and the region; and

WHEREAS, participation in such a collaborative under a state approved JPA would create a legal mechanism which would allow for the open sharing of information, resources and training, as well as encourage the reduction of costs and duplication of efforts for the region's taxpayers; and WHEREAS, the governing body believes that the formation of a single regional entity will enhance the ability of our community and region to be more competitive at the state and national levels in attracting support and funding for infrastructure, services, and programs, as well as allow for the more effective and impactful marketing of the region to tourists and potential employeers; and

WHEREAS, the governing body believes that an increasing number of the community, health, transportation and economic concerns that rural communities, such as ours, are facing are most effectively addressed with a regional, collaborative approach;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS RESOLUTION THAT THE COLFAX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DOES HEREBY SUPPORT, AS FOLLOWS:

- That the governing body agrees to support the formation of and to be an active member and participant in the Enchanted Circle Council of Governments (ECCoG).
- (2.) That the governing body approves of the ECCoG JPA and authorizes the Chief Elected Official, to sign the JPA (Attachment 1) on behalf of the governing body and the Clerk to certify the signature, as authorized, to bind the local government.
- (3.) That the governing body authorizes the Mayor and Manager to represent the governing body on the ECCoG Board of Directors, per the terms of the JPA.
- (4.) That the governing body authorizes the Attorney and Chief Elected Official to negotiate and agree to such changes in wording or fornmat as might be necessary in accommodating legal review by the other Parties to the JPA and NM DFA approval, as long as the obligations of the local government are not changed.
- (5.) That the governing body is authorized to host and advertise meetings of the ECCoG, to provide such staff, technical and logistical support as may be requested for the entity to conduct business until operational funding is available, and to serve as fiscal agent for the ECCoG, if requested by the Board.

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

COLFAX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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