A Resolution Supporting the 2016 Legislative Priorities of the New Mexico Association of Counties
Resolution #2015-56

WHEREAS, in August 2015, the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Association of Counties approved four legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature at its 2016 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:

- **Restore Detention Center Funding**
  Support an increase in the 2016 General Appropriations Act that would fund the County Detention Facilities Reimbursement Act at a level sufficient to reimburse counties for the actual cost of holding the three categories of prisoners specified under the Act.

- **Support Funding for a Statewide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Assessment**
  Support an appropriation to conduct a statewide EMS assessment through the New Mexico Department of Health EMS Bureau, in coordination with the State Fire Marshal, and reconvene the NMAC EMS Task Force, to develop additional policy recommendations regarding appropriate funding levels and mechanisms for recurring EMS services funding.

- **Funding for the New Mexico 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) to Develop Light Detection and Ranging Technology (LiDAR)**
  Support legislation that would allocate funding to be used in collaboration with other federal, local, and tribal funds to match federal funding from the National 3D Elevation Program. LiDAR applications include watershed and water resource management, infrastructure planning and development, and precision agriculture and forestry management.

- **Gross Receipts Tax Reform**
  Counties should partner with state government in any legislative efforts at gross receipts tax restructure and reform.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Curry County Board of County Commissioners 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 2016 regular legislative session.

ADOPTED this 17th of November, 2015.

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