

SANTA FE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 112

**A Resolution Requesting Legislative Support to Create a Recurring  
Revenue Stream from Rural Emergency Medical Services**

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services are essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of rural communities by providing potentially life-saving emergency care and transportation to the nearest emergency medical treatment at hospital emergency rooms;

**WHEREAS**, local government plays an essential role in providing emergency medical services with public funds because the cost of service is generally not covered fully by the fees for services paid by patients;

**WHEREAS**, many local governments, particularly rural counties with low income populations where the need for EMS is especially acute, do not generate enough tax revenue to provide adequate funding to sustain reliable and viable emergency medical services;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of the State of New Mexico and its citizens that rural counties have the capacity to provide quality and efficient emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, a steady, reliable, and consistent state-based revenue stream for rural EMS is critically needed for New Mexico to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of County Commissioners for Santa Fe County supports legislation that would create a state-based revenue stream, other than existing emergency response funds, to supplemental local funds for rural EMS and calls upon the State Legislature to amend applicable statutes to create such a source of recurring funds.



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Deputy  ) ss  
Valerie Espinoza  
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of SEPT 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: *Liz Stefanics*  
Liz Stefanics, Chair

ATTEST:

*Valerie Espinoza* by *VT*  
Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Stephen C. Ross*  
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