THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION No. 2018- 104

A RESOLUTION URGING FULL FUNDING AND PERMANENT REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was established by Congress in 1965, and designates that a portion of receipts from offshore oil and gas leases be placed into a fund annually for state and local conservation, as well as for the protection of parks, forest and wildlife areas; and

WHEREAS, the LWCF is one of America's most important and successful programs for the conservation of our federal, state and local lands, water resources and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the LWCR is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2018 unless Congress takes action; and

WHEREAS, the LWCF program provides funding to the federal government to acquire land and water areas for conservation and recreation, as well as matching grants to state and local governments for the acquisition of recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, over the past 50 years the LWCF has provided more than \$312 million in funding to New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, preparation for natural disasters in New Mexico is essential, and money from LWCF is used to help prevent and remediate natural disasters like fires and floods; and

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, the LWCF has played a critical role in funding the conservation of national parks and forests, rivers, farms and ranches, fish and wildlife, as well as state and local parks and facilities throughout New Mexico, and should therefore be fully funded;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County as follows:

1) The Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners hereby support nothing less than full funding and permanent reauthorization for the Land and Water Conservation Fund by Congress prior to its expiration on September 30, 2018; and

2) Urges the entire New Mexico Congressional delegation to pass a bipartisan agreement that urges full funding and permanent reauthorization for the Land and Water Conservation Fund by Congress prior its expiration on September 30, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk



Approved to Form by:

Bruce Frederick, County Attorn

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 27TH Day Of September, 2018 at 04:26:25 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1868709 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Pness My Hand And Seal Of Office Geraldine Salazar

County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM