



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF EDDY

RESOLUTION NO: R-19-29
SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION OF A
NATIONAL EMERGENCY CONCERNING THE
SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, Section 4-37-1, NMSA 1978, grants Counties the powers necessary to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of any county or its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-38-18, NMSA 1978, provides that the Board of County Commissioners has the power to represent the county and have the care of the county property and the management of the interest of the county in all cases where no other provision is made by law; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has three (3) counties forming the 180-mile border with the Republic of Mexico – Hidalgo, Luna, and Dona Ana; and

WHEREAS, the border separating the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico is the most frequently crossed international boundary in the world; and

WHEREAS, the continuing threat to human life and high crime rate that is so prevalent at the illegal border crossings in these counties comes at a high financial cost. Property damage and loss, expense of law enforcement efforts, and benefits to both the victims and illegal border crossers are just a short list of the financial burdens placed on these counties.

WHEREAS, millions of dollars have been invested in legal crossing points and ports of entry, however, the physical state of the border remains unchanged and unsecure and continues to pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of these counties; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2019, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency along the southern border; and

WHEREAS, despite the National Emergency Declaration, the majority of the National Guard troops previously deployed to the border remain recalled by the Governor of the State of New Mexico and the Attorney General of the State of New Mexico, with full support of the Governor, committed public funds to join 15 other states in a lawsuit challenging the Declaration seeking to block the diversion of federal funds to border security;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Eddy County does hereby declare its support for the National Emergency Declaration along the southern border of the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Eddy County declares its support for any and all efforts to secure the border and calls upon its statewide elected officials and representatives to focus their efforts and resources on addressing and mitigating the threats to public health, safety and welfare of New Mexico citizens resulting from an unsecured border and illegal crossings. The Eddy County Board of Commissioners also calls upon the statewide elected officials and representatives to meaningfully and effectively aid and assist any and all affected counties and local government entities in doing the same.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2019.

EDDY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jon Henry, Commission Chairman

ATTEST:



Robin Van Natta, County Clerk

