

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 31**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT**

WHEREAS, Doña Ana County government exists to enhance the health, safety, and quality of life for all residents – now and in the future – as determined by law and community interests; and

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act was passed by a bi-partisan majority of Congress and signed into law by President Richard Nixon in 1973 in order to protect not only individual species, but the healthy landscapes upon which all life depends; and

WHEREAS, Doña Ana County, by prior “Desert Wildlife” Resolution (2014-11), has recognized the importance of maintaining a healthy and diverse range of species and the challenge of living in harmony with our environment; and

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act has the support of approximately 87% of the public and has saved from extinction over 99% of the species designated for protection under the Act—including the bald eagle, Aplomado falcon, and whooping crane; and

WHEREAS, reintroduction of the endangered Mexican gray wolf to significant portions of its historic range in southwest New Mexico has helped restore the balance of those ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, protection of species such as the Southwest Willow flycatcher and Yellow-billed cuckoo aids in restoration of riparian areas and protection of the Rio Grande watershed; and

WHEREAS, recovery of threatened and endangered species on Doña Ana County public lands, especially those designated as national monuments, have the potential to increase the attractiveness of these areas to potential visitors; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Endangered Species Act encourage and provide flexibility for private landowners to work cooperatively with the federal agencies charged with maintaining and managing our public lands; and

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act provides individual citizens and local governmental bodies such as this Commission with a framework for influencing public policy decisions in a time of increasing water scarcity and uncertain effects of climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Doña Ana County Board of County Commissioners strongly supports the Endangered Species Act and encourages Congress to continue its funding and enforcement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County's Congressional Delegation.

APPROVED this 27th day of May, 2015.

Board of County Commissioners for Doña Ana County, New Mexico

Billy G. Garrett

Billy G. Garrett, District 1

For / Against



Dr. David Garcia

Dr. David Garcia, District 2

For / Against

Benjamin L. Rawson

Benjamin L. Rawson, District 3

For / Against

Via Telephone

Wayne Hancock, District 4

For / Against

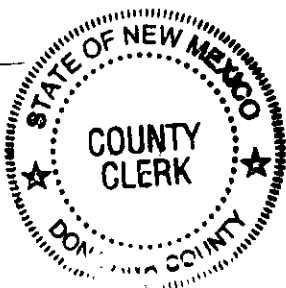
ABSENT

Leticia Duarte Benavidez, District 5 For / Against

ATTEST:

Lynn J. Ellins

Lynn J. Ellins
County Clerk



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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On MAY 29, 2015 04:17:15 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1511304 Of The Records Of Dona Ana County



Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office,
Lynn J. Ellins, County Clerk, Dona Ana, NM

Deputy Vanessa Herrera