



**VALENCIA COUNTY
RESOLUTION 2020-11
SUPPORTING CERTAIN RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO RETURN TO WORK FOR
AFFILIATED PUBLIC EMPLOYERS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met at a duly noticed and advertised meeting on February 19, 2020 at 5:00 PM in the Valencia County Administration Building located at 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Sections 4-37-1 *et seq.* provides that counties may adopt those resolutions and ordinances, not inconsistent with statutory or constitutional limitations place on counties, to discharge those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, convenience of the county and its inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Board of County Commissioners is the duly authorized governing body of Valencia County, a New Mexico political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Valencia County recognizes that rehiring retired Law Enforcement Officers makes economic sense and reduces the training burden due to their experience, advanced training, valuable career-based knowledge, and job specific knowledge in the public safety field; and

WHEREAS, Valencia County recognizes that there are many retired Law Enforcement Officers throughout New Mexico that are otherwise qualified to fill vacant public safety positions; and

WHEREAS, Valencia County recognizes that New Mexico loses many qualified Law Enforcement Officers to surrounding states upon their retirement due to the restrictions in NM that make them ineligible to return to or continue to work in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Valencia County recognizes that small Public Safety agencies across New Mexico continually struggle with recruitment and retention of qualified personnel Law Enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, Valencia County recognizes that many retired Law Enforcement Officers have the desire to return to work either as police officers or in related public safety disciplines to continue serving their community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Valencia County Board of County

Commissioners is requesting that the New Mexico State Legislature and the Governor of New Mexico work together in changing current State Laws to allow the provision for retired New Mexico Law Enforcement personnel to return to work at a new local government agency.

PASSED, AND APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Jhonathan Aragon, Chairman
District V



Gerard Saiz, Vice-Chairman
District I



Tom Mraz, Commissioner
District II



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District III



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District IV

Attest:



Peggy Carabajal, County Clerk

