



RESOLUTION No 2023-58

SUPPORTING THE RIGHT OF COUNTY CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REFERENDUM PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Board of Commissioners met upon notice of a Business Meeting, duly published, at the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031 on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 5:00 PM as required by law; 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, pursuant to Article 4 Section 1 of the New Mexico Constitution, the legislative power in the State of New Mexico, is vested in the senate and house of representatives which is designated the legislature and holds its sessions at the seat of government.

WHEREAS, Article 4 Section 1 of the of the Constitution of the State of New Mexico reserves power to the people to disapprove, suspend and annul laws enacted by the legislature through a referendum process; and,

WHEREAS, a petition for referendum articulates specific legislation to be rendered to a direct decision by the general electorate; and,

WHEREAS, residents in all counties throughout the State may engage, gather, organize, and collaborate with citizens throughout the State in order to execute a petition for a statewide referendum; and,

WHEREAS, all registered and eligible voters within each county may express their right to petition for referendum by signing such petition.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County, that the county:


Article 1: Philosophically supports the right of any person residing within the county to participate in the referendum process as guaranteed by the Constitution of the State of New Mexico.

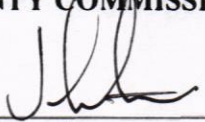
Article 2: Recognizes, applauds and supports the participation and efforts of Valencia County residents in the petitions (known as the Referendum Project), which is comprised of six (6), separate pieces of legislation, that were passed without voice of the electorate, and are determined to be clear and direct usurpations of parental rights over minor children, threats to the integrity of election outcomes and violations of individual rights to free speech.

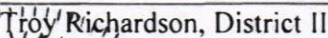
Article 3: Encourages all residents to engage in the statewide processes of government, exercised by the people.

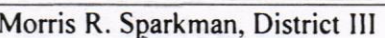
APPROVED, ADOPTED AND RESOLVED this 31st day of July 2023.

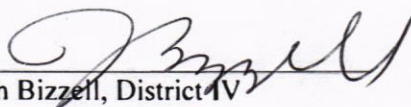
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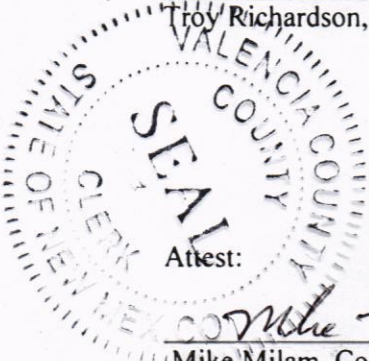

Gerard Saiz, Chair, District I


Jhonathan Aragon, Vice-Chair, District V

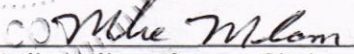

Troy Richardson, District II


Morris R. Sparkman, District III


Joseph Bizzell, District IV



Attest:


Mike Milam, County Clerk