



**VALENCIA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 40**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANTE BERRY TO
FILL THE VACANCY FOR THE DISTRICT 5 COMMISSION SEAT**

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Commission met upon notice of a Regular Business Meeting duly published on July 3 2024, at 5:00 P.M. in the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Valencia exercises the powers of the County as a body politic and corporate pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-1 (1884); and,

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the District 5 Commission seat of Valencia County by virtue of the resignation of Commissioner Jhonathan Aragon; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.M. Const. art. XX, § 4, “[i]f a vacancy occurs in the office of . . . county commissioner, the governor shall fill such vacancy by appointment, and such appointee shall hold such office until the next general election. His successor shall be chosen at such election and shall hold his office until the expiration of the original term.”; and,

WHEREAS, only one candidate, Dante Berry, has filed to run for the District 5 seat and will be County Commissioner for District 5 come November; and,

WHEREAS, stability in county operations is critical, particularly given significant projects such as the development of the Valencia County Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office has indicated that it is seeking an official notification of the vacancy and a recommendation from the Board of County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to provide such notification and recommendation to facilitate the appointment process;

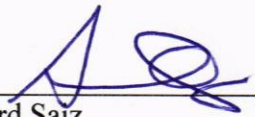
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County that the County Clerk is hereby directed to provide official notification of the District V

vacancy to the Governor's Office, ensuring the Governor's timely appointment to maintain stability in county operations.

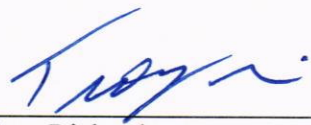
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the Valencia County that the Board respectfully recommends the appointment of Dante Berry to fill the vacancy for the District 5 Commission seat of Valencia County, recognizing his forthcoming role as the elected Commissioner for District 5, and hereby directs administration to forward a copy of this Resolution, along with Mr. Berry's resume, to the Governor's Office for consideration.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 3rd day of July 2024.

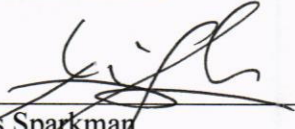
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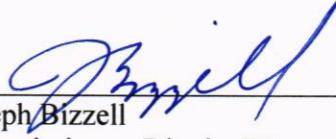
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Chairman, District I



Troy Richardson
Vice-Chair, District II

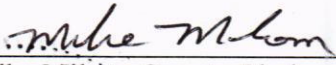


Morris Sparkman
Commissioner, District III



Joseph Bizzell
Commissioner, District IV

Attest:



Mike Milan, County Clerk

