

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-62**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NATIONAL LEGISLATION
TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

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

WHEREAS, climate scientists around the world are in near-unanimous agreement that the planet is warming to a degree that is perilous to human civilization; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concludes that since the 1950's increased temperatures in the atmosphere and ocean, decreased amounts of snow and ice, rises in sea level, and increased concentrations of greenhouse gases on a global level are unprecedented for a period of similar duration throughout the known climatological record; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2009 report of the United States Global Change Research Program, "Further water cycle changes are projected [for the Southwestern United States], which, combined with increasing temperatures, signal a serious water supply challenge in the decades and centuries ahead"; and

WHEREAS, carbon dioxide is the primary greenhouse gas associated with climate change, fossil fuels are a non-renewable resources, and reduction of carbon emissions from the use of fossil fuels is necessary to minimize the impact of climate change on all life in our region; and

WHEREAS, a "carbon fee and dividend" approach applied at the point of production and importation is likely to be the best available method to promote fossil fuel conservation and use of low- or no-carbon energy sources because (1) it is revenue-neutral, (2) it can be implemented without extensive governmental regulatory controls, and (3) it applies equally well to every sector of the economy, regardless of size; and

WHEREAS, Doña Ana County is currently dealing with adaptation to climate change now and in the future by conducting long-term planning that deals in part with drought and the potential for flooding associated with intense rainfall; and

WHEREAS, residents of Doña Ana County have called for regional, national and international action in response to the projected impact of climate change on the quality of life for all people for the foreseeable future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Doña Ana County Board of County Commissioners strongly urge the U.S. Congress to pass legislation that deals effectively with the climate change problem—such as levying an annually increasing revenue-neutral fee on the carbon in fossil fuels at the point of production and importation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the response to climate change and its adverse effects should be implemented with the speed appropriate to the gravity and urgency of the situation, and that this resolution be conveyed to our Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States over the signature of the Chair of this Board.

RESOLVED this 13th day of May 201-

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



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Billy G. Garrett, Chair, District 1 For/ Against

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Wayne Hancock, Vice-Chair, District 4 For/ Against

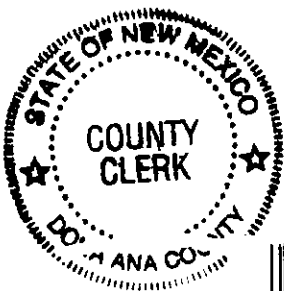
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Leticia Duarte Benavidez, District 5 For/ Against

ATTEST:

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Lynn J. Ellins, County Clerk



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

Deputy Rafael Garcia