

SOCORRO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION № 2012-55

SPECIAL ALL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION
ON THE
HOSPITAL MILL LEVY QUESTION

WHEREAS, the Socorro County Board of Commissioners met upon notice of a duly published special meeting at the Socorro County Annex Building, 198 Neel Ave., Socorro, New Mexico 87801 on June 14, at 10:00 a.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) of Socorro County, New Mexico (“County”), has determined upon its own initiative to submit the question of continuing to impose the mill levy of 4.25 mills to the registered qualified electors, as authorized by the Hospital Funding Act, NMSA 1978 Sections 4-48B-1 through 4-48B-29; and,

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board that it is necessary and in the best interest of the residents of the County, that the question be submitted to a vote of the registered qualified electors of the County via a special mail ballot election.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND RESOLVED, BY THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SOCORRO COUNTY THAT:**

Section 1. On the 4th day of September, 2012, there will be held in Socorro County, New Mexico, a special all mail ballot election, according to the provisions of the Mail Ballot Election Act, NMSA 1978 Section 1-23-1 *et seq.*, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of Socorro County the question of whether Socorro County, New Mexico, shall continue to impose a mill levy property tax at the rate of four and one-quarter (4 ¼) mills against the net taxable value of the property in the county to pay the cost of operating and maintaining county hospitals or to pay to contracting hospitals in accordance with a health care facilities contract.

Section 2. Each registered voter in every precinct of Socorro County shall be mailed an absentee ballot along with a statement that there will be no polling place for the election. Voters shall not be required to file an application for the absentee ballot. The ballot shall be mailed to each voter no earlier than the thirty-fifth (35th) day prior to the election, and the mailing shall be completed by the fifth (5th) day before the election. The mailing shall include a printed notice to the voters informing the voters that they shall return the voted ballot by mail.

Section 3. The county clerk shall accept completed official mailing envelopes until 7:00 p.m. on September 4, 2012.

Section 4. At such election, the following question shall be submitted to such qualified, registered electors of the County:

HOSPITAL MILL LEVY QUESTION

Shall the Board of Commissioners of Socorro County, New Mexico, continue for a period of eight (8) years to levy a property tax in the amount of four and one-quarter (4 ¼) mills for the operation and maintenance of Socorro General Hospital and any other County facility eligible to receive funds under the Hospital Funding Act in order to make hospital services available to care for the sick of Socorro County pursuant to the terms of a healthcare facilities contract?

Section 5. The test of said question shall be that a majority of votes be cast in the affirmative.

Section 6. A person is a qualified elector of the County if he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age on the date of the Election and a resident of the County on the day of the Election. In order to vote, qualified electors of the County must have previously registered with the County Clerk of Socorro County in accordance with Section 1-4-1 through 1-4-48, NMSA 1978. Any qualified elector of the County who is not now registered and wishes to vote at such Election should register during regular office hours prior to 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2012 being the twenty-eighth (28th) day immediately preceding the Election at the office of the County Clerk of Socorro County, 200 Church St. Socorro, New Mexico or at the office of any deputy registration officer appointed by the County Clerk of Socorro County or a motor vehicle deputy registration officer as provided in Section 1-4-47 NMSA 1978.

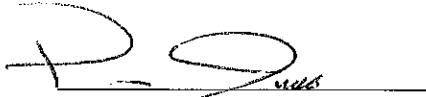
Section 7. The County Clerk, County Manager and other officers of the County are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the County, to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provision of this resolution, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the preparation of ballots, instructions and election supplies and the publication and posting of the notices with the cost of the special election being the responsibility of Socorro General Hospital.

Section 8. All action heretofore taken by the Board, the County Manager and the officers of the County not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution and the Special Election Proclamation and Resolution directed toward the calling and conducting of the Election be, and the same hereby is ratified, approved and confirmed.

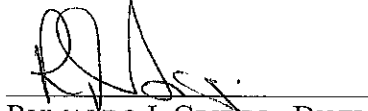
Section 9. All acts, motions, or resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 14th day of June, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



PAULINE JARAMILLO, DISTRICT I



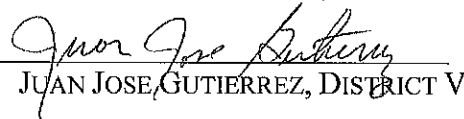
RUMALDO J. GRIEGO, DISTRICT II



PHILLIP ANAYA, DISTRICT III




DANIEL P. MONETTE, DISTRICT IV



JUAN JOSE GUTIERREZ, DISTRICT V

ATTEST BY:



REBECCA (BECKY) VEGA,
COUNTY CLERK

