

**INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS RESOLUTION NO. 18-28**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS  
IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH SECURITY ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 42 U.S.C. § 18001 et seq., (“Affordable Care Act”), passed in 2010, was the first systemic national effort to address the issues of affordable health care coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of uninsured residents in the State of New Mexico has substantially decreased due to the opportunities for coverage through the Medicaid Expansion program and the exchanges; and

**WHEREAS**, health care premiums, insurance deductibles, patient co-payments, and the cost of pharmaceutical drugs continue to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, rising health care costs remain a serious problem that impacts our state and local government budgets, as well as family budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, health care has become a major issue of concern to the electorate; and

**WHEREAS**, decreasing the percentage of state, county and city expenditures on health care will free up funds to be spent on other critical needs such as economic development, education, public safety and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, elected and federal officials in Washington, D.C. are giving the clear message that states need to take the lead in health care reform; and

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Care Act allows states to receive waivers for state innovation, which enable states to develop alternatives that may be more appropriate to their circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous studies, including two in the State of New Mexico, show that residents who join one health risk pool would reap the benefits of economies of scale, substantially contain costs, reduce administrative complexity and uncompensated care, and create a more stable health care system that benefits all residents of the State of New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health Security Act, planned to be introduced at the 2019 State Legislative Session, is a homegrown New Mexico plan that has been developed over many years with input from diverse sectors from all over the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health Security Act will enable New Mexico to set up its own health plan, like a cooperative, that covers most residents and ensures that all New Mexicans will have comprehensive, affordable and quality health coverage regardless of age, employment or health status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health Security Act requires a thorough public fiscal analysis to determine the Plan's total cost and available revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan shall only be implemented after the analysis, if the Legislature determines that it is financially feasible; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, 150 New Mexico organizations and 34 cities and counties representing a broad cross-section of New Mexicans from all parts of the state, have endorsed the Health Security Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos supports and endorses the proposed Health Security Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Council shall work to ensure passage of the Health Security Act and shall urge the New Mexico Municipal League and the New Mexico Association of Counties to make the Health Security Act a legislative priority during the 2019 State Legislative Session.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED  
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO**

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**David Izraelevitz  
Council Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**Naomi D. Maestas  
Los Alamos County Clerk**