

**GRANT COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. R-13-16**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSED
COPPER RULE**

WHEREAS, The New Mexico Environment Department has worked with governmental agencies, environmental groups and industry representatives to come up with the proposed copper mine rule that is currently in front of the Water Quality Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, the copper mining industry in 2011 had a direct and indirect economic impact on Grant County of \$150 million and \$326 million to the State of New Mexico for the same period; and

WHEREAS, the copper industry is currently operating with no clear guidelines for their operations on ground water protection; and

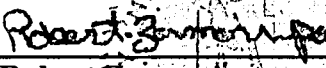
WHEREAS, the proposed copper mine rule imposes some of the strictest requirements on mining in the country, while still providing a balance between policies of protecting ground water and economic development.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION to support the efforts of the New Mexico Environment Department to take steps to protect the ground water with the Proposed Copper Mine Rule and recommend the Water Quality Control Commission adopt it. The Commission also authorizes the Chairman and County Manager to sign the attached letter to support the Proposed Copper Mine Rule.

PASSED APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of February, 2013.

Attest:


Brett Kasten, Commission Chairman


Robert Zamarripa
County Clerk


Gabriel Ramos, Commissioner District 1


Ron Hall, Commissioner District 3

