

Grant County
Resolution No. R-05-15

STATE OF NM. GRANT COUNTY
200501562
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HOWIE MORALES, COUNTY CLERK
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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL PROGRAM-
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES ("PILT")**

WHEREAS, Grant County is in support of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT);

WHEREAS, PILT provides Federal payments to local governments that help offset losses in property taxes due to nontaxable Federal lands within their boundaries;

WHEREAS, Federal laws recognize that the inability of local governments to collect property taxes on federally owned land fiscally impact local government;

WHEREAS, PILT payments are made annually for tax-exempt Federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, Federal water projects and some military installations;

WHEREAS, PILT payments are one of the ways in which the Federal government fulfills its role of being a "good neighbor" to local communities;

WHEREAS, PILT is vital to county governments in New Mexico because 33% (22.5 million) acres of the land in our state is federally owned;

WHEREAS, since 1995 the PILT program has not received more than two-thirds of its authorized amount, leaving New Mexico short millions of dollars each year;

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico has received \$12,323,217 since the year 2000 in PILT;

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2004, Congress provided \$224.3 million for PILT, which was about two-thirds of the \$331 million authorized by law;

WHEREAS, the President proposes cutting \$28 million from the annual allocation (or a 12% cut) in 2006;

WHEREAS, Grant County supports HR 788, "PILT and Refuge Revenue Sharing Permanent Funding Act," co-sponsored by Congressman Tom Udall;

WHEREAS, HR 788 will provide full and permanent funding for the PILT program and that PILT will be fully funded as authorized each year;

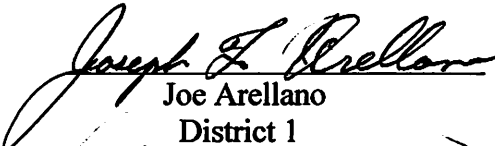
WHEREAS, if HR 788 becomes law, Grant County's total PILT payment will increase significantly;

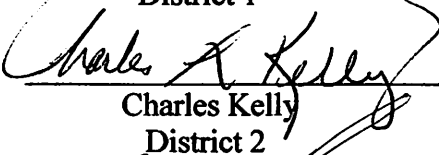
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Grant County strongly supports legislation that will provide the State of New Mexico full payment of PILT monies for all local governments;

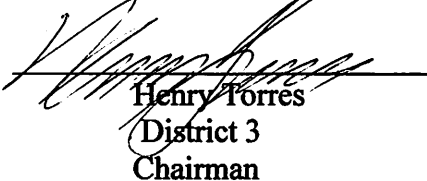
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Grant County urges the Governor and the New Mexico Legislature, and all counties in New Mexico to work together to support permanent funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program;

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 14th day of April 2005.

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION

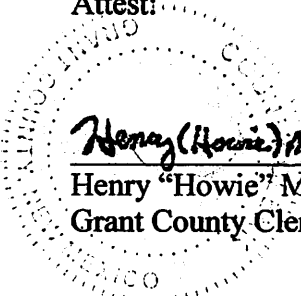
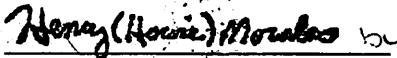

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Attest:


 by
Henry "Howie" Morales *Connie Holguin*
Grant County Clerk