

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF GRANT COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-07-17**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL PROGRAM PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES ("PILT")**

**WHEREAS**, the federal program known as Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) provides Federal payments to local governments that help offset losses in property taxes due to nontaxable Federal lands within their boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, PILT payments help local governments carry out such vital services as firefighting and police protection, construction of public schools and roads, education, solid waste disposal, healthcare, parks and recreation, and search-and-rescue operations; and

**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, and for Federal water projects and some military installations; and

**WHEREAS**, PILT payments are one of the ways that the Federal government can fulfill its role of being a "good neighbor" to local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the PILT program is vital to Grant County because the federally owned land totals 1,178,977 acres; and

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico's Senators Bingaman and Domenici cosponsored a proposal for PILT funding that removes the funding from the annual appropriations process, ensuring that full-funding is automatic through 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, full-funding for PILT would provide about a 35% increase in total funding for the PILT program; and

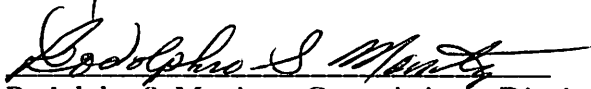
**WHEREAS**, New Mexico is the number one beneficiary of the PILT program receiving \$22.8 million in FY 2006.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Grant County Commissioners strongly supports legislation that will provide New Mexico counties and the State of New Mexico with full payment of PILT monies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Grant County Commissioners urges the Governor, the New Mexico State Legislature, and all counties in the State of New Mexico to work together to support permanent funding for the PILT program.

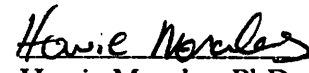
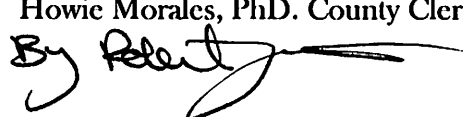
Approved and adopted in a Regular Meeting of the board of Grant County Commissioners on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007

  
Mary Ann Sedillo, Commissioner District 1

  
Rodolpho S. Martinez, Commissioner District 2

  
Henry Torres, Commissioner District 3

Attest:

  
Howie Morales, PhD. County Clerk  
  
By Robert

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Grant County Commission to delegate to Rudolpho Martinez as follows:

The Grant County Commission hereby authorizes its Chairman to take whatever steps he deems necessary to secure and maintain economical, efficient, and safe air service for the inhabitants of Grant County and surrounding areas, including, but not limited to, representing the County in negotiations with air service providers and various local, state, and federal governments, and to make representations and give testimony in furtherance thereof.

The effective date of these delegations shall take effect upon adoption of this delegation and shall expire \_\_\_\_\_.

Adopted and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2007.



Rudolpho Martinez, Commission Chair, Commissioner District 2

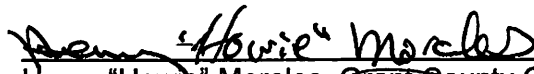


MaryAnn Sedillo, Commissioner District 1



Henry Torres, Commissioner District 3

Attest:



Henry "Howie" Morales, Grant County Clerk



Approved as to form:

Hans William Voss, Grant County Attorney