

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF GRANT  
RESOLUTION NO. R-11-13**

**A RESOLUTION URGING EFFORTS BY THE NEW MEXICO  
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SECURE FULL FUNDING FOR  
THE FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND**

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund was established by Congress in 1965 to be the principal source of federal dollars to protect land in America's national parks, forests, refuges, and communities, to ensure outdoor recreational opportunities for the public; and

WHEREAS, when established, Congress committed to funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund with \$900,000,000 annually, primarily from Treasury receipts from federal Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases; and

WHEREAS, since the date establishing it, the fund has only twice received the full appropriation, with those funds having been diverted to other purposes, rendering it unable to meet its obligation to protect the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the funding that has been available has protected critical areas of New Mexico and Grant County, including the City of Rocks, areas of the Gila National Forest, and the Big Ditch Riverwalk; and

WHEREAS, tourism is vitally important to the economy of Grant County, constituting the single largest revenue source in the service economy of the Gila region; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Grant County directly benefit from outdoor recreation opportunities such as camping, hunting, hiking and fishing, as well as simply being outdoors and seeing wildlife; and

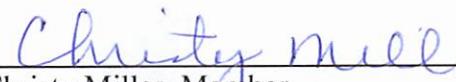
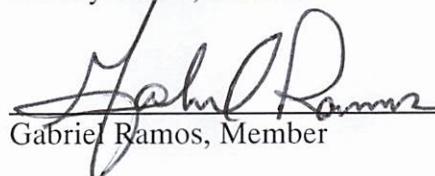
WHEREAS, the children of New Mexico and Grant County, as present and future beneficiaries and stewards of public lands, call on their elders to honor their commitments in order to preserve these existing and irreplaceable national resources for the future;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF GRANT COUNTY that it encourages efforts by all members of the New Mexico Congressional delegation to secure full funding for the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

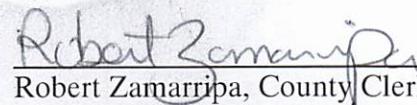
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the New Mexico Congressional delegation.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Grant County Board of Commissioners this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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Brett Kasten, Chairman  
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Christy Miller, Member  
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Gabriel Ramos, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Robert Zamarripa, County Clerk