

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF GRANT
RESOLUTION NO. R-19-74

**REQUESTING A CHANGE TO THE PRONGHORN HUNTING SEASON IN
SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Grant County Administration Center, 1400 Highway 180 East, Silver City, New Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 (1995) provides that Counties have the power to "provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of any county or its inhabitants"; and,

WHEREAS, hunting pronghorn contributes to the economy of Grant County; and,

WHEREAS, this Board has been informed that the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has moved the pronghorn hunting season to August when Southern New Mexico daytime temperatures regularly reach or exceed 100 degrees; and,

WHEREAS, pursuit of pronghorn in higher temperatures causes severe stress to the animals, makes harvesting meat difficult & unsanitary, and does not take advantage of the prime time for the animal's coats in October; and,

WHEREAS, this change has placed an undue burden on the hunting industry as well as the animals themselves; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County, New Mexico, that it hereby requests the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to move the pronghorn hunting season to October in Southern New Mexico

APPROVED, ADOPTED and PASSED by the Board of Grant County Commissioners this 12th day of December 2019.

Chris M. Ponce, Chairman

Alicia Edwards, Member

Harry Browne, Member

Gerald W. Billings Jr. Vice Chair

Javier Salas, Member

ATTEST:

Marisa Castrillo, County Clerk

