

**GRANT COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. R-22-26**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR A COUNTY WIDE COMPOSTING
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, food waste contributes 20 to 25 percent of all municipal solid waste, according to the EPA; and

WHEREAS, food and other organic waste can decompose in landfills, releasing methane, which can be dangerous and is a powerful greenhouse gas; and

WHEREAS, food and other organic waste is a potentially valuable resource that could improve Grant County's soils and food-production capacity; and

WHEREAS, the collection and effective conversion of organic waste into compost, mulch, and other saleable commodities has the potential to create jobs and generate tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, local entrepreneurs with a successful track record of grant-funded innovation and small business creation have banded together as the Carboneers/Civilian Climate Corps to prepare an application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities grant program that would help fund such a project; and

WHEREAS, the USDA will award additional points to grant proposals that demonstrate local community and government support;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DOES HEREBY:

1. Declare its support for the effort by the Carboneers/Civilian Climate Corps group to obtain funding for and implement a county-wide project to collect organic waste, use industry-accepted techniques to turn this waste into saleable products, and sell these products to local gardeners, farms, orchards, and other agricultural entities; and
2. Direct the County Manager or his designee to meet with project organizers to discuss ways in which the County could, with little or no financial impact, assist the project's implementation; and
3. Direct its representative on the Southwest Solid Waste Authority's board of directors to similarly explore ways in which that Authority could assist the project.


PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 24th day of May, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO


Chris M. Ponce, Chairman

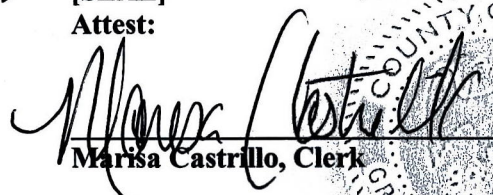

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Marisa Castrillo, Clerk

