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**RESOLUTION 2016-31**

**ENCOURAGING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Colfax County met in a meeting on August 23, 2016 at 9:00 AM in Colfax County Commission Chambers, 230 North third St. Raton, New Mexico 87740; and

**WHEREAS**, the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program was established in 1976 to offset costs incurred by counties for services provided to the federal government and to the users of public land; and

**WHEREAS**, according to estimates from the National Association of Counties, current PILT funding provides a small fraction of what counties would receive in property taxes if the lands and facilities were privately owned; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress needs to ensure that PILT payments adequately reimburse local governments for lost tax revenue associated with federal ownership of public lands; and

**WHEREAS**, PILT has become a critical component of local government budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, in FY 2016, Colfax County received approximately \$161,766 in PILT funds;

**WHEREAS**, these services include education, solid waste disposal, law enforcement, search and rescue, health care, environmental compliance, fire protection, and other important community services; and

**WHEREAS**, this funding ensures that Colfax County is able to provide necessary basic services ranging from fire suppression to law enforcement activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Colfax County Board of County Commissioners respectfully requests swift passage of legislation to extend mandatory PILT funding for FY 2017 to the previously authorized levels and beyond; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Colfax County Board of County Commissioners thanks the New Mexico Congressional delegation for its ongoing advocacy for permanent funding of the PILT program.

**RESOLVED ON THIS 23 DAY of August, 2016.**

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