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RESOLUTION #2018-22

**SUPPORT TO BRING HORSE RACING BACK TO
RATON, NEW MEXICO**

WHEREAS, La Mesa Park was constructed in Raton in 1946 and was the first permanent pari-mutuel horse racing facility in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Raton and northeastern New Mexico have a long tradition and history of horse racing lineage that continues to the present day; and

WHEREAS, Raton and northeastern New Mexico and La Mesa Park mutually supported one another during the 46 years of active horse racing at La Mesa Park; and

WHEREAS, Raton has a rich history of horse racing and tourism and has been a destination to many visitors from New Mexico and the neighboring four state region including Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas; and

WHEREAS, Raton's geographic location, surrounding area attractions, and favorable climate make Raton an ideal location for horse racing; and

WHEREAS, returning horse racing to Raton is favorable and beneficial to the New Mexico horse racing industry; and

WHEREAS, placement of a horse racing and gaming facility in Raton will increase New Mexico's market share and avoid adverse impacts to existing horse racing and gaming facilities in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Colfax County Board of Commissioners is committed to supporting the necessary to submit and obtain a license approval from the New Mexico Racing Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Colfax County supports the efforts to return horse racing to Raton for the purpose of stimulating local and regional economic development.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.

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