



TOWN OF TAOS AND TAOS COUNTY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2006-1

A JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE POLICE DISTRICT FOR TAOS

WHEREAS, Taos has experienced rapid growth over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, such growth requires additional law enforcement resources; and

WHEREAS, the State Police office in Taos is currently a part of District 7, headquartered in Española; and

WHEREAS, the governmental entities representing the citizens of the Town of Taos and Taos County believe that the establishment of a State Police District in Taos would enhance the law enforcement resources in Taos and enable a greater coordination of those resources amongst the three main local law enforcement departments.

WHEREAS, the governmental entities representing the citizens of the Town of Taos and Taos County would like to be better informed about the possibility of establishing a separate State Police District in Taos.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the Town Council and the Taos County Board of Commissioners do hereby formally, and respectfully, request that the New Mexico State Police consider the idea of establishing a State Police District in Taos and to cooperate with the local governmental entities to provide a forum wherein the matter can be discussed.

PASSED, ADOPTED, and APPROVED by the Town Council and Taos County Board of Commissioners and therefore formally resolved on this 26th day of April, 2006

TOWN OF TAOS

Bobby Duran (Signature)

Mayor Bobby Duran

Meliton Struck (Signature)

Councilmember Meliton Struck

ABSENT (Stamp)

Councilmember Erinda Gonzales

Darren Cordova (Signature)

Councilmember Darren Cordova

Rudy Abeyta (Signature)

Councilmember Rudy Abeyta

TAOS COUNTY

Emanuel B. Pacheco MSW (Signature)

Emanuel B. Pacheco MSW, Chairman

Nicklos Jaramillo (Signature)

Nicklos Jaramillo, Vice-Chairman

Don Francisco Trujillo II (Signature)

Don Francisco Trujillo II, Commissioner

Gabriel Romero (Signature)

Gabriel Romero, Commissioner

Virgil Martinez (Signature)

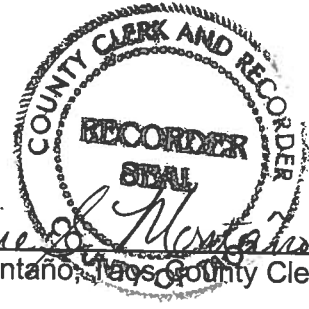
Virgil Martinez, Commissioner

Attest:

Renee Lucero
Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

Attest:

Elaine Montano
Elaine Montano, Taos County Clerk



Approved as to Form:

Renee Barela-Gutierrez
Renee Barela-Gutierrez, Town Attorney

Approved as to Form:

Tom Blankenhorn
Tom Blankenhorn, Taos County Attorney

Vote Record:

B. Duran	<input checked="" type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no	abstain	absent
M. Struck	<input checked="" type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no	abstain	absent
E. Gonzales	<input type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no	abstain	<input checked="" type="radio"/> absent
D. Cordova	<input checked="" type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no	abstain	absent
R. Abeyta	<input checked="" type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no	abstain	absent

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E. Pacheco	<input checked="" type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no	abstain	absent
N. Jaramillo	<input checked="" type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no	abstain	absent
D.F. Trujillo II	<input checked="" type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no	abstain	absent
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May 2, 2006

John Denko
N.M. Department of Public Safety
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Santa Fe, NM 87504-1628

Dear Mr. Denko:

I am enclosing a copy of a joint resolution passed by the Town of Taos and Taos County. The purpose of the resolution is to seek consideration of the establishment of a State Police district for Taos. This issue is very important to the elected officials of the Town and County because of the improved law enforcement coverage that would result from the creation of a separate State Police district.


A Taos State Police District was created by legislation in 1977, enabled by a \$215,000 appropriation, which was used to purchase the land and build the current facility. Taos maintained its own District for many years until it was merged with Espanola. Today, as Taos continues to grow, the need to return the State Police District to Taos is more important than ever.

Taos County and the Town of Taos are in the process of planning significant improvements to our dispatch facilities. A modernized dispatch facility with the participation of the State Police and the local law enforcement authorities would be hugely beneficial to all of the law enforcement agencies involved, and would much more effectively serve the public.

The elected officials representing the people of Taos understand that the creation of a separate district would require examination of numerous issues. However, the potential benefits are large. As you know, Taos is unique in that portions of our community have developed into a worldwide tourist and ski destination, while other sections are very remote. Moreover, the incidence of serious crime in Taos County is high. This situation results in special law enforcement and dispatch challenges. A separate Taos District could address these challenges by coordinating law enforcement coverage and dispatch communication resources with the Town Police and County Sheriff's Departments.

The elected officials of the Town and County of Taos would greatly appreciate the scheduling of a meeting with yourself or your representative to explore the possibility of establishing a State Police District in Taos. Please contact Agnes Oakeley, Taos County Manager and Tomas Benavidez, Town of Taos Manager to arrange a forum at which this matter can be discussed. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Tom Blankenhorn,
Taos County Attorney

cc: Agnes C. Oakeley, County Manager
Tomas Benavidez, Town Manager