



**TOWN OF TAOS  
RESOLUTION NO. 09-32**

**REQUESTING FUNDING FROM THE NEW MEXICO ENERGY MINERALS  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taos is known for energy conservation innovation, alternative building design, and renewable energy capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to produce clean, efficient and reliable energy is vital to the livability, affordability, sustainability, and marketability of Taos; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Taos is committed to reducing green house gas emissions while attracting clean industry, create jobs, and provide income that support local families and government services; and

**WHEREAS**, the climate and culture of the Town of Taos make it an excellent location for producing solar electricity and for leading the state in all aspects of renewable energy production and public education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council wishes to install a net-metered solar electric system at the new Town Hall building and the Youth & Family Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the solar system will be a tangible demonstration of the Town's commitment to renewable energy production, green house gas emission reduction, income generation, and employment creation for the local workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council adopted the High Performance Building Ordinance (HPBO) that sets energy and water conservation standards for all new construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the HPBO requires a HERS Rating and LEED certified standard for all new construction after 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to provide training to Town staff members to perform the HERS Rating and the LEED certification as a service to the community while providing valuable training to staff and reducing the certification costs to homeowners and builders; and

**WHEREAS**, the training will facilitate the implementation of the HPBO at a lower cost to the consumer and with greater efficiency to the building industry in Taos; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council supports the grant application to the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Division for the installation of a solar system at the new Town Hall and the Youth and Family Center and for the training of Town staff to become HERS Raters and LEED Accredited Professionals; and

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Community & Economic Development Department is authorized to submit the grant application.

**Passed by the TOWN OF TAOS COUNCIL this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009, at a Special Meeting of the Town Council that was duly published.**

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| Mayor Pro Tem Rudy C. Abeyta    | <u>yes</u> |
| Councilmember A. Eugene Sanchez | <u>yes</u> |
| Councilmember Amy J. Quintana   | <u>yes</u> |
| Councilmember Michael A. Silva  | <u>yes</u> |

**TOWN OF TAOS**

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**Darren M. Cordova, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**Renee Lucero, Town Clerk**

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**Allen Ferguson, Jr., Town Attorney**