RESOLUTION 026-2014

SUPPORTING THE FULL FUNDING OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on January 9, 2014, in the Catron County Commission Chambers, 100 Main Street, Reserve, New Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, the 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, this funding ensures that Counties remain able to provide necessary basic services ranging from fire suppression to law enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Catron County received $593,448.00 in PILT; and,
WHEREAS, among other things, this money aided in funding fire suppression, law enforcement, and road improvements in the County; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Catron County that the County respectfully requests swift passage of legislation to extend mandatory PILT funding for FY2014 to the previously authorized levels and beyond; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Catron County wishes to thank its Congressional delegation for its recognition of the important of the PILT program and its continued support.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 9th day of January, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CATRON COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Attest:

Keith Riddle
Catron County Clerk

Richard McGuire
Commissioner, District I

Glyn Griffin, Chairman
Commissioner, District II

Van J. "Bucky" Allred
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