KIT CARSON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL'S RENEWAL OF THE 1 MILL LEVY ON PROPERTY TAX

WHEREAS, Holy Cross Hospital, is a nationally recognized healthcare facility and healthcare system serving over 33,000 people throughout Taos County; and

WHEREAS, the hospital provides critical care to the residents of Taos County, and serves a significant Medicare, Medicaid, and uninsured population. Taos has the highest rate of uninsured citizens in the State of New Mexico, and one of the highest in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Holy Cross Hospital is designated as a Sole Community Provider because it is a critical care hospital for local residents, its distance to other hospitals, and its patients are disproportionately uninsured; and

WHEREAS, the hospital has a long proud history of serving the citizens of Taos County with roots in the community dating back to 1936; and

WHEREAS, the hospital employs about 430 people and 90% of these employees live in Taos County, and purchase goods and services in the County, makes Holy Cross Hospital a critical economic engine for our community; and

WHEREAS, on a national level, rural hospitals are struggling and operative at a negative margin. Without tax support they would not be able to remain in business; and

WHEREAS, Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. is in full support of Holy Cross Hospital and the valuable services that it provides to all of the citizens of Taos County; and

WHEREAS, the members of KCEC service territory, will be severely impacted if the hospital has to reduce its healthcare services due to the lack of funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. encourage you to vote in favor of local health care and vote for the renewal of the 1 mill levy on property tax on November 3rd.

I, Manuel Medina, do hereby certify that I am Secretary of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc., and that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. at its regular meeting held October 27, 2020.

Secretary

Resolution No. 9-10-2020

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