



**RESOLUTION 06-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF TAOS CALLING FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION TO PRESERVE JOBS AND REVENUE FOR NORTHERN NEW MEXICO FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF THE NEW LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America through its agencies has "recompeted" the contract for the operation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (the "Lab");

**WHEREAS**, the request for proposal for the Lab contract clearly sets forth a new paradigm for Lab operation and management;

**WHEREAS**, under the new paradigm the operation and management of the Lab will be performed at the direction of a single, private, for-profit LLC;

**WHEREAS**, the new management paradigm may lead to a change in the taxable status of Lab operations, possible reductions in the Lab workforce, and other changes which will impact the workers and economies of Northern New Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, Los Alamos County has reached out to other communities in Northern New Mexico to seek their input and involvement on a consolidated approach to the challenges posed by the new operational paradigm; and

**WHEREAS**, Los Alamos County wishes to build an alliance of the affected communities in Northern New Mexico to ensure that any impact from the changes in the operation and management of the lab are addressed equitably by and between the affected communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Taos that:

1. The Town of Taos respectfully requests that the affected communities in Northern New Mexico join with Los Alamos County in a cooperative effort to assess, and equitably manage the community impacts arising from the award of the new lab contract including but not limited to the impacts upon economic development, employment and tax revenues.
2. The Town of Taos respectfully requests that the New Mexico State Legislature allow the affected communities of Northern New Mexico to address issues arising from the implementation of the new Lab contract through cooperative intergovernmental approaches at the local level.

**PASSED, RESOLVED AND ADOPTED**, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006 at the State of the Town Meeting of the Town of Taos Council.

**TOWN OF TAOS**

By *Bobby F. Duran*  
Bobby F. Duran, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

By *Renee Lucero*  
Renee Lucero, Interim Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

By *Renee Barela-Gutierrez*  
Renee Barela-Gutierrez, Town Attorney