



**TOWN OF TAOS
RESOLUTION 09-10**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF TAOS SUPPORTING A REGIONAL EFFORT TOWARD SECURING FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF REGIONALLY BENEFICIAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OF BROADBAND ACCESS, SOLAR POWER ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, AND PUBLIC BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY MODIFICATIONS.

Whereas, the Town of Taos has compiled and submitted to the US Conference of Mayors a list of nearly \$48.5 Million of needed capital projects that will stimulate the economy and create local jobs; however, the three major areas of improvement needed for sustained, stable economic growth and recovery – broadband access, solar energy independence, and public building efficiency modifications – cannot be achieved by any one entity, particularly in isolated locations such as Northern New Mexico; and,

Whereas, the Town of Taos is a member of the Enchanted Circle Intergovernmental Council and the Intergovernmental Council of the Enchanted Circle (IGC) is a regional planning and coordinating body whose membership consists of local governments, school districts, and institutions of higher learning within the County of Taos and the Moreno Valley of Colfax County including Taos County, Town of Red River, Town of Taos, Village of Angel Fire, Village of Eagle Nest, Village of Questa, Village of Taos Ski Valley, Picuris Pueblo, Taos Pueblo, Penasco Independent School District, Questa Independent School District, Taos Municipal School District and the University of New Mexico – Taos; and,

Whereas, the Town of Taos and other members of the IGC recognize that the most critical projects to be potentially funded by the Federal Economic Stimulus legislation are regional in nature and cannot be accomplished by any single entity; and,

Whereas, the effectiveness of the region as a competitor for new and expanded employment and industries is directly related to access to broadband; and,

Whereas, solar power is readily accepted, supported, and desired in the region and will meet the needs of and accelerate the creation of this emerging industrial cluster that is developing at the regional level; and,

Whereas, the public will benefit from the provision of energy efficiency modifications to existing public buildings throughout the region as a measure of cost savings for some of the biggest energy consumers; and,

Whereas, all of the aforementioned projects will create opportunities for new businesses, increased employment, work force development paths, and long term sustained economic growth for the region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Town Council of the Town of Taos that a regional effort is best suited for addressing the major infrastructure projects of broadband access, solar energy independence, and public facility energy efficiency modifications and the Town of Taos shall support the region in its efforts to stimulate the regional economy through these regionally based infrastructure projects.

Duly passed, adopted, and approved this 10th day of February, 2009.

Mayor Pro Tem Rudy C. Abeyta no vote

(Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta conducted the meeting in the absence of the Mayor, therefore, he did not vote.)

Councilmember A. Eugene Sanchez yes

Councilmember Amy J. Quintana yes

Councilmember Michael A. Silva yes

TOWN OF TAOS

Darren M. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Renee Lucero, Town Clerk

Allen Ferguson, Town Attorney