

# Resolution Supporting the Multi-purpose Youth Facility

Whereas, Los Alamos County does not have a multi-purpose youth facility, and,

Whereas, Los Alamos does not have recreational facilities or dining establishments that are open for business after 9 pm in the evening, and

Whereas, Los Alamos youth need social recreational opportunities, and

Whereas, the prospect of parties in the mountains does offer Los Alamos youth the social recreational opportunities that they need, and

Whereas, Los Alamos youth are tempted to engage in risk-taking behavior in lieu of the opportunities that a multi-purpose youth facility would afford, and

Whereas, the Los Alamos Juvenile Justice Advisory Board (JJAB) is in the process of developing a proposal for Los Alamos County to develop a multi-purpose youth facility, and

Whereas, Los Alamos is the only community in the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District that does not have a Teen Center, and

Whereas, the development and construction of a Multi-Purpose Teen Facility will increase quality of life opportunities and fulfill a Los Alamos County Economic Vitality Strategic Plan objective, and

Whereas, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration encourages communities to work toward their vision of positive futures for young people by decreasing risk factors and increasing protective factors for youth, and

Whereas, increasing opportunities for young people to bond with peers and adults, participate in recreational activities, and pursue activities that interest them in groups rather than in isolation can improve the likelihood that youth will be engaged in their communities and schools, and reduce problem adolescent behaviors including alcohol and drug use, delinquency, teen pregnancy, school drop-outs and violence, and

Whereas, the America's Promise Alliance for Youth has established “Five Promises” that can lead youth to success, including the promises of “Safe Places” and “Caring Adults”, and a multipurpose youth facility can fulfill those promises for youth in the community of Los Alamos, and

Whereas, the science based 40 Developmental Assets documents the value of a Community that values youth—that a young person perceives that adults in the community value youth; a teen Center could add value to a young person's life,

Now, therefore, we the members \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby endorse and support the effort to provide a multi-purpose youth facility in Los Alamos County.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

