

**Resolution No. 2020-22
UNION COUNTY**

**Resolution Supporting the Selective Service System;
Urging all Eligible Union County Men to Register and
Oppose Funding Reductions to the Agency**

WHEREAS, in order to achieve and maintain an adequate armed strength to ensure the security of our nation, the Military Selective Service Act, 50 U.S.C. 3801 et seq., requires, with few exceptions, that all make U.S. citizens and mail immigrants residing in the United States who are 18 through 25 years of age to register with Selective Service; and

WHEREAS, the Nation is well served y maintaining the Selective Service System as a relatively low-cost insurance policy in a still dangerous and uncertain world; and

WHEREAS, the Selective Service System protects the Nation against underestimating the maximum level of threat we expect our Armed Forces to face and the military personnel needed to fight and win a future way during a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Selective Service System should be maintained in its current state of readiness, and its peacetime registration program involving America's young men should be preserved to help ensure that any future draft, if needed, would be fair and equitable; and

WHEREAS, the Nation's young men are overwhelmingly complying with the requirement to register, with a current registration compliance rate of 93 percent for men 18 through 26 registered; and

WHEREAS, failure to register may jeopardize a young man's eligibility for federal student financial aid, state-funded financial aid in many states, most federal employment, some state employment, security clearance for contractors, job training under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and U.S. citizenship for immigrant men; and

WHEREAS, Selective Service is a visible symbol of national resolve to America's potential adversaries; and, it is the only time-proven means of mobilizing America's manpower for a significant crisis in a timely, orderly manner; and

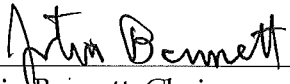
WHEREAS, any reductions in the size of the Active and Reserve Components of the Armed Forces reinforce the need to preserve the historic link between the volunteer military and society-at-large; and

WHEREAS, the cost of keeping the Selective Service System at the ready is small at \$23 million annually when measured in the context of the overall defense budget, making it one of America's best national security bargains;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Union Board of County Commissioners does hereby expresses support for the Selective Service System, urges all eligible Union County men to comply with the registration requirements of the law, and opposes any further funding reductions that would compromise the agency's ability to respond to mobilization challenges of the Department of Defense and to the United States of America.

ADOPTED this 12th of November, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION, NEW MEXICO


Justin Bennett, Chair, For Against


W. Carr Vincent, Vice Chair For Against


Clayton Kiesling, Member For Against



ATTEST


Mary Lou Harkins
Union County Clerk