

1 **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
2 **RESOLUTION NO. AR 2012- 78**

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4 **A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE JOINT USE AS A MEANS OF ENHANCING AND**
5 **INCREASING ACCESS TO ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GROUNDS AND**
6 **FACILITIES, WITH THE GOAL OF REDUCING OBESITY AND CHRONIC**
7 **DISEASE IN BERNALILLO COUNTY.**

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9 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, one in every three Americans was obese and 60 percent were
10 either overweight or obese;

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12 **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 50 percent of the U.S. population will be obese by
13 2030;

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15 **WHEREAS**, since 1980, obesity prevalence among children and adolescents has
16 almost tripled;

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18 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, 34 percent of Bernalillo County's elementary and middle
19 school students were overweight or obese;

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21 **WHEREAS**, only 33 percent of U.S. school-age children attended daily physical
22 education classes in 2009;

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24 **WHEREAS**, a significant number of Americans fail to meet the Centers for Disease
25 Control and Prevention's recommendations for daily physical activity, including 65 percent
26 of all adolescents;

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28 **WHEREAS**, access to nearby recreational facilities leads to increased rates of
29 physical activity;

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31 **WHEREAS**, inadequate access to recreation facilities has played a significant role in
32 rising obesity rates;

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34 **WHEREAS**, rates of childhood obesity in Bernalillo County are often highest in
35 areas characterized by poverty and limited access to recreational opportunities;

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37 **WHEREAS**, children and adults who are overweight and obese are at a greater risk
38 of adverse health effects, including type two diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure,
39 high cholesterol, certain cancers, asthma, low self-esteem, depression, and other chronic

1 conditions;

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3 **WHEREAS**, nationally, the annual cost of treating obesity-related diseases is
4 approximately \$147 billion;

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6 **WHEREAS**, the projected economic cost of chronic diseases (including treatment
7 and lost work productivity) in New Mexico is projected to be approximately \$12.4 billion in
8 2013;

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10 **WHEREAS**, there is growing consensus among public agencies and community
11 organizations (including the New Mexico Healthier Weight Council, the New Mexico
12 Department of Health Community Transformation Grant program, the Albuquerque
13 Bernalillo County Community Schools Partnership, and the Albuquerque Public Schools
14 District School Health Advisory Council) that joint use of school grounds and facilities can
15 improve public health and preserve public funds, particularly during economic downturns;

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17 **WHEREAS**, identifying joint use opportunities among public agencies and
18 community organizations can help in the long-term planning for and development of capital
19 facilities;

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21 **WHEREAS**, the Albuquerque Public School District is the owner of real property
22 and capital facilities located in Bernalillo County and acknowledges that these are “key
23 public resources” to be used for “the greatest public benefit”;

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25 **WHEREAS**, Bernalillo County believes the Albuquerque Public School grounds and
26 facilities can be used more efficiently to maximize use and promote recreational activities for
27 youth and other community residents;

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29 **WHEREAS**, the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education is committed to
30 working “in partnership with families and the community in a systematic way to ensure that
31 all students succeed” and maintains policies and procedures for facility usage; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, Bernalillo County desires to promote joint use as a means of enhancing
34 and increasing access to facilities and related programs with the ultimate goal of improving
35 the public health of community residents and preserving public funds.

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37 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

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39 1. Bernalillo County hereby promotes joint use as a means of enhancing and
40 increasing access to Albuquerque Public Schools grounds and facilities with the goal

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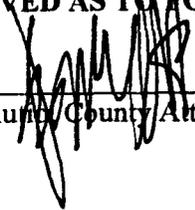
of reducing obesity and obesity-related diseases;

2. Bernalillo County will develop a relationship with Albuquerque Public Schools, (upon Albuquerque Public Schools concurrence) for the purpose of developing a long-term plan for the joint use of school grounds and facilities by the community during non-school hours;

3. Bernalillo County Office of Environmental Health staff shall report back to this Board and the Manager on a quarterly basis to update the Commission, Manager, and the community on joint use accomplishments and progress, and have a proposal for implementation of a joint use plan for the Commission and Manager's review within one year from the enactment of this Resolution.

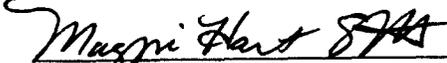
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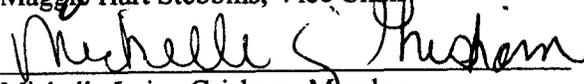
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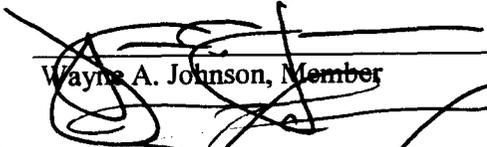

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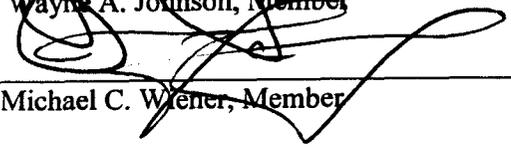
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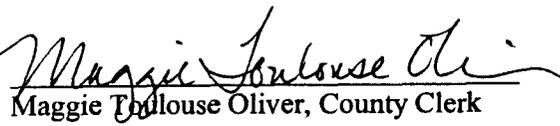

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