

**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 15-31**

OPPOSING THE “SAFEGUARD AMERICAN FOOD EXPORTS ACT OF 2015”

WHEREAS, New Mexico Congresswoman Michelle Lujan-Grisham recently co-sponsored the “Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act” (H.R. 1942); and

WHEREAS, the SAFE Act would make it illegal to “knowingly sell or transport equines or equine parts in interstate or foreign commerce for purposes of human consumption”; and

WHEREAS, the SAFE Act would prohibit the shipment of over 150,000 unwanted horses annually to Mexico and Canada processing facilities; and

WHEREAS, the SAFE Act provides no other outlet for the disposition of these unwanted animals; and

WHEREAS, the SAFE Act states that “horses and other members of the equidae family are not raised for human consumption” yet research shows that in 2005, the eight principal horse-meat-producing countries produced over 700,000 tons of this product for human consumption; and

WHEREAS, no peer-reviewed research is provided to support the claim that exported horse meat from the United States of America is unsafe for human consumption; and

WHEREAS, the section 512 definitions of “consumable” and “safe” are not applicable to foreign lands and only apply within the boundaries of the United States; and

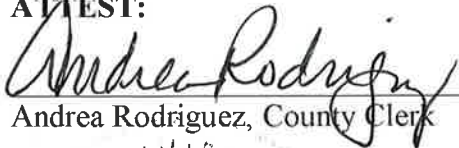
WHEREAS, the SAFE Act could have a negative economic impact on our country, state, and county.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Luna County Commissioners opposes any federal Act that would limit the exportation of horses for any purpose unless and until peer reviewed scientific studies can document that the facts claimed in the ACT are true and a resolution can be obtained to the disposition of the 150,000 unwanted horses that would be affected per year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge Congresswoman Lujan-Grisham to withdraw her sponsorship of this Act and in the alternative urge all other in our New Mexico delegation to OPPOSE this legislation.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED by the Luna County Board of Commissioners in regular session, May 14, 2015.

ATTEST:



Andrea Rodriguez, County Clerk



LUNA COUNTY



Joe L. Milo, Jr., Chairman



Linda M. Smrkovsky, Member



R. Javier Diaz, Member