

**Luna County New Mexico
Board of County Commissioners
Resolution Number 15-60**

Whereas, the Luna County Board of County Commissioners represents the citizens of Luna County and represent the interests of the County in all matters affecting the health and welfare of its citizens; and

Whereas, the survivability and profitability of New Mexico agriculture depend in large measure on certain assurances only governmental agencies are able and mandated to provide; and

Whereas, currently, USDA/APHIS place great emphasis on inspection and testing for contagious and economically detrimental animal diseases on livestock entering from Mexico; and

Whereas, this process is conducted ONLY at the three New Mexico ports of entry. However, no attention nor surveillance is given to the approximately 180 miles of international boundary to prevent the trespass and co-mingling of uninspected and untested Mexican livestock with native New Mexican livestock; and

Whereas, border livestock fencing is either inadequate, in disrepair or intentionally downed with no federal agency assuming responsibility. This abdication of duty by the appropriate federal agencies places the New Mexico animal industry and the State of New Mexico at an economic disadvantage to other livestock producing states, in addition to ignoring the impact this dereliction may have on public health; and

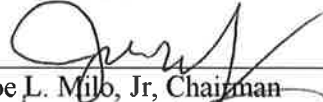

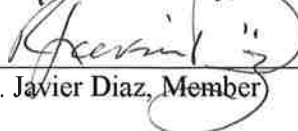
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners request that the New Mexico Livestock Board, the Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, the Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security, the Secretary of the Department of Interior, and Emergency Management and the New Mexico congressional delegation contact and request the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Homeland Security to immediately address the border fence issue by developing and implementing a plan to maintain existing fence, replace ineffective fences and fence the remaining miles of border between New Mexico and Mexico to protect the United States economy from foreign animal disease exposure.

RESOLVED by the Luna County Board of Commissioners in regular session, December 10, 2015.

ATTEST:

Andrea Rodriguez, County Clerk



LUNA COUNTY

Joe L. Milb, Jr, Chairman

Linda M. Smrkovsky, Member

R. Javier Diaz, Member