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Santa Fe, NM 87501

Re: Letter of Support for Taos County as the Accountable Entity – SB3 Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) Planning Grant

Dear Ms. Lucero,

On behalf of Taos Pueblo programs, I am writing to express our strong support for Taos County to serve as the Accountable Entity for our Behavioral Health Region under the SB3 Behavioral Health Regional Infrastructure Act (BHRIA) Planning Grant.

Taos Pueblo recognizes the critical importance of enhancing behavioral health systems within our region, and we believe that Taos County possesses the experience, leadership, and collaborative spirit required to guide this process. Their proven ability to foster meaningful partnerships and engage stakeholders ensures that the planning efforts will be inclusive and reflective of all counties and tribes involved.

As a regional partner, Taos Pueblo is dedicated to participating actively in the Regional Stakeholder Planning Committee, taking part in the Enhanced Sequential Intercept Mapping (E-SIM) process, and supporting outreach and listening sessions throughout the community. We are committed to working closely with Taos County and our fellow partners to develop solutions that are equitable, data-informed, and tailored to the diverse needs of our populations.

We are confident that, with Taos County as the Accountable Entity, our region will develop a comprehensive and sustainable behavioral health plan that will expand access to services, advance equity, and improve outcomes for all communities across northern New Mexico.

Thank you for considering this letter of support.

Sincerely,



Shawn Duran, Chief of Operations