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To: Esperanza Lucero, Administrative Office of the Courts

Re: Letter of Support for Regional Accountable Entity, Behavioral Health Investment and Reform Act (BHRIA)

Dear Administrative Office of the Courts,

As City Manager of Española, I am pleased to express support for Santa Fe County to serve as the Accountable Entity for our behavioral health region under BHRIA.

We believe Santa Fe County has the most capacity in our region, and with its well-developed social services and housing infrastructure is well-positioned to:

- Coordinate regional planning efforts in collaboration with counties, tribes, and local governments.
- Facilitate SIM/E-SIM mapping and identify service gaps.
- Engage stakeholders across health, justice, and community sectors.
- Support the development of a strong, community-driven behavioral health plan.

For these reasons, the City of Española endorses Santa Fe County as the regional Accountable Entity and looks forward to partnering in the implementation of BHRIA.

Sincerely,

Lauren Reichelt

City Manager