

**CITY OF ESPAÑOLA RESOLUTION 2017-37**  
**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY AND STATE TAX STABILIZATION**  
**FROM NATIONAL LABORATORIES IN NEW MEXICO**

**WHEREAS**, National Laboratories within the State of New Mexico are important drivers of local and state economies; and,

**WHEREAS**, the communities surrounding these Laboratories are important to each Laboratory's success, in that these communities not only provide essential services for the Laboratories' operations but also provide such services for its employees and local citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the tax revenues that both Sandia and Los Alamos National Laboratories currently provide are necessary for the surrounding communities to continue to provide an environment that supports the missions of the National Labs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Mexico is similarly reliant upon these tax revenues to perform its duties and to balance its budget; and,

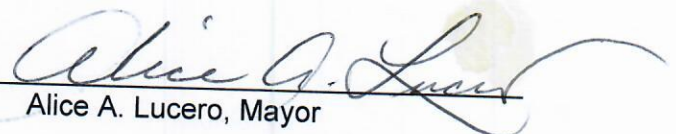
**WHEREAS**, unlike other industries in New Mexico, there is a potential for a significant destabilization to the revenues that both the State and local entities collect from the operation of the Laboratories each time the federal government considers its management contract; and,

**WHEREAS**, the demand for services provided by each of these federal entities, and the cost of the provision of these services, does not change when the managing entity of a National Laboratory transitions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the communities value their partnerships with the Laboratories, its employees, the opportunities and challenges, and desire to support the Laboratories in the performance of its mission.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that City of Española hereby requests that the 2018 Legislature of the State of New Mexico enact a change to the tax structure that requires all management and operations of National Laboratories to be taxable, as the scale of such enterprises place a significant demand on state and local resources that are inconsistent with any not-for-profit designation.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Body of the City of Española this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

  
Alice A. Lucero, Mayor

Attest:

  
Anna Squires, City Clerk

