



**SIERRA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-51

**SUPPORTING THE INCORPORATION OF IVERMECTIN INTO LIVESTOCK AND WILDLIFE FEEDS
TO COMBAT THE NEW WORLD SCREWORM FLY**

WHEREAS, the Sierra County Board of Commissioners met upon notice of a regular meeting, duly published, at the Sierra County Administrative Offices, 1712 N. Date Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901, on June 24, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Sierra exercises the powers of the County as a body politic and corporate pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-1 (1884); and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 (1995) authorizes counties to “provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of any county or its inhabitants”; and,

WHEREAS, the New World screwworm fly (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) poses an imminent and severe threat to livestock, wildlife, and the economic stability of New Mexico counties, with expected arrival in the United States by July 2025 and expansion northward by the end of the summer; and,

WHEREAS, New World screwworm infestations can affect livestock, wildlife, pets, birds, and in rare cases, humans, placing animal health, land values, and conservation gains at serious risk; and,

WHEREAS, agriculture contributes nearly \$45 billion to the New Mexico economy and supports over 2 million head of livestock, while rural economies also depend on wildlife conservation and hunting, which generate more than \$3.2 billion annually and support over 29,000 jobs statewide; and,

WHEREAS, current federal capacity to deploy the Sterile Insect Technique is insufficient, leaving macrocyclic lactones—such as Ivermectin—as the only viable defense; and,

WHEREAS, feed manufacturers are prepared to incorporate Ivermectin dry premix into livestock and wildlife feeds but lack federal authorization from the FDA and USDA to access and utilize the needed formulation; and,


WHEREAS, immediate federal leadership is required to approve, produce, and distribute Ivermectin premix and support other critical control measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County, New Mexico supports the immediate incorporation of Ivermectin into livestock and wildlife feeds to prevent the spread of the New World screwworm fly.

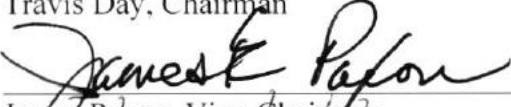
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County, New Mexico calls upon the President of the United States and all appropriate federal and state officials to authorize emergency production and distribution of Ivermectin dry premix for livestock feed manufacturers and mobilize and retrofit federal or military facilities for rapid deployment of sterile screwworm fly production, and urges the the FDA and USDA to expedite emergency approval processes to enable swift and lawful access to the necessary compounds to protect New Mexico's agriculture, environment, and rural economy.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED this 24th day of June, 2025

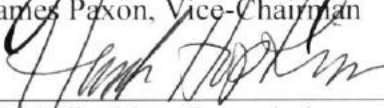
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Travis Day, Chairman

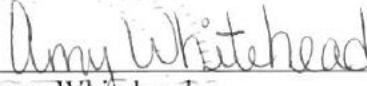


James Paxton, Vice-Chairman



Hank Hopkins, Commissioner

Attest:



Amy Whitehead
Sierra County Clerk