

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-27

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF A VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER (VSO) TO SERVE SIERRA AND GRANT COUNTIES

Sponsor: Councilor Guadalupe E. Cano

WHEREAS, Sierra and Grant County are home to over 6,000 veterans; and

WHEREAS, as it stands at this juncture, our veterans must travel an average of two (2) hours to receive consultation via one (1) Veteran Service Officer, who is located in Dona Ana County; and

WHEREAS, the Veteran Service Officer located in Doña Ana County currently provides services for six (6) rural counties; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the State of New Mexico has appropriated funds to add additional Veterans Service Officers to serve in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, there was a Veteran Services Officer previously located in Silver City that provided necessary services to the Veterans of this area in an efficient and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, Truth or Consequences is approximately a two-hour drive from Silver City; Grant County needs a VSO that can serve Grant, Catron and Hidalgo Counties, that are all within two hours; and

WHEREAS, should a Veteran Service Officer be allocated as mentioned herein, "in-kind space" (including utilities) has been pledged and may be housed at The Olive Tree Integrated Community Center at 808 Fir Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, collaboration will be conducted with the governing bodies of Sierra and Grant Counties and their included municipalities, should they consider enacting similar resolutions of support;

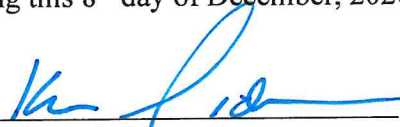
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED through passage of this resolution that the Town of Silver City Council stands in support of a Veteran Service Officer (VSO) to serve Sierra and Grant Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the New Mexico Governor and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico, during a Regular Council Meeting this 8th day of December, 2020.

(Seal)




Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:


Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk