Resolution No. 2021-01

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, New Mexico voters approved General Obligation Bond D in 2018 to fund Phase 1 of the construction of the Agricultural Modernization and Education Facilities project on the campus of New Mexico State University in the amount of \$25 million; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico voters approved Phase 2 of the same project through General Obligation Bond C in 2020 in the amount of an additional \$18 million; and

WHEREAS, these facilities are essential for the NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences to fulfill the educational, research, extension and outreach mission of NMSU; and

WHEREAS, the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences' programs positively affect the health, economy, and environment of New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, the activities in these facilities support the agriculture and food processing industry, which accounts for about \$10.6 billion of New Mexico's gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and food processing industries also generated over 50,000 jobs for the New Mexico economy; and

WHEREAS, the global Coronavirus pandemic has served to highlight the importance of agriculture, food processing and cross-disciplinary biomedical research and teaching as drivers of the New Mexico economy and jobs, but also in feeding and caring for New Mexicans, Americans, and citizens from countries around the world,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in official session that the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University directs the Chancellor to establish an Agricultural Modernization and Educational Facilities advisory board to expressly and summarily support and advise the completion of the necessary planning, timely reporting, and stakeholder advocacy, engagement, and communication, and identify the funding required for completing the design and construction of Phase 1 and the launch of Phase 2 of the Agricultural Modernization and Educational Facilities project as approved by the New Mexico Legislature.

RESOLVED, this 6th day of January 2021, in Las Cruces, New Mexico

Dina Chacón-Reitzel, Chair

Board of Regents

Ammu Devasthali, Vice Chair

Wevas thali

Board of Regents

Luke Sanchez, Secretary/Treasurer

Board of Regents

Debra P. Hicks, Member Board of Regents

Arsenio Romero, Member Board of Regents