

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-1353

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE H.R. 4812, LOCAL JOBS FOR AMERICA ACT

WHEREAS, our nation is going through one of the most difficult economic times in its history with the national unemployment rate hovering around 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, despite signs of an economic recovery at the national level, economic conditions in cities and towns across the country continue to worsen with more municipal governments facing significant budget shortfalls and increased demand for services; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment rate in the Farmington Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has risen to 10.7 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics, March, 2010); and

WHEREAS, should the City of Farmington's tax revenues continue to decrease, the City could face budget shortfalls which may force the City to make difficult decisions between eliminating services and raising taxes in order to maintain a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, federal aid to cities around the country may enable communities to avoid public service worker layoffs including fire and police, and other important government workers or significant increases in taxes to pay the salaries of these employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, that the City of Farmington endorses H.R. 4812, the Local Jobs for America Act, because it will help local communities throughout the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Farmington supports the Local Jobs for America Act because it will help ensure that cities can continue to provide essential services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Farmington supports H.R. 4812 because it would help prevent state and local tax increases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Farmington urges Congress and the President to adopt H.R. 4812 into law so that cities and towns across America can retain existing employees and provide employment opportunities in the public and private sectors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff is directed to send copies of this resolution to each of the members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation and to the National League of Cities.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 11th day of May, 2010.

Tommy Roberts, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Dianne Fuhrman, City Clerk