

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS RESOLUTION NO. 18-04

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RETENTION AND EXPANSION OF PLUTONIUM PIT PRODUCTION AT LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY

WHEREAS, the Incorporated County of Los Alamos (“County”) is home to the Los Alamos National Laboratory (“Laboratory”); and,

WHEREAS, the County throughout its history has been honored to support the national security mission of the Laboratory, its federal managers, employees, and subcontractors, and continues to support the Laboratory in the performance of its many missions on behalf of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, the Laboratory currently provides unique capabilities to our nation in the areas of plutonium R&D and production of pits critical to maintenance of the nuclear stockpile; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government has invested over a decade and substantial financial resources developing a uniquely trained workforce at the Laboratory for the execution of the pit production mission and associated technologies; and,

WHEREAS, a significant expansion of our nation’s capability to produce pits is under serious consideration by the federal government; and,

WHEREAS, the Laboratory is a credible competitor for this expanded mission, building upon its existing expertise, facilities, and supporting infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the Laboratory is an important driver of local, regional, and state economies, sustaining and growing the workforce and procurement of local goods and services; and,

WHEREAS, relocating any part of the existing Laboratory plutonium R&D and pit capability would constitute a wasteful expenditure of our nation’s resources, place in jeopardy established production deadlines, and would negatively impact the workforce and economies of the County, the region, and the state,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Incorporated County of Los Alamos hereby fully supports the continuance of activities in plutonium R&D and production of pits for the nuclear stockpile at Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Laboratory’s competition for expanded work in this area.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2018.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS**

Council Chair

ATTEST: (SEAL)

**Naomi D. Maestas
Los Alamos County Clerk**