IMMIGRANTS COUNT

Rio Arriba County has been actively working with the Attorney General's office to oppose the recent Presidential Memo requesting undocumented immigrants not be included in apportionment and census data. We believe it's pivotal to clearly and loudly show our immigrant residents and to take a stand against this effort. With unanimous commission support for our stand against this support, a resolution was approved on Tuesday, July 28, making Rio Arriba the first county to stand up for immigrant rights and their inclusion. The resolution opposes and outlines the legal basis for challenging the Presidential Memo issued July 21. Ample precedent has been established in our Constitution and affirmed by our Supreme Court that all people regardless of legal status are included in our census count. The Attorney General's Office for New Mexico has joined a coalition of 21 states, 9 cities and 4 counties in a lawsuit challenging the Presidential Memo.