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Press Release:

Ban Horse Slaughter in New Mexico!

Governor Martinez Petitioned by over 5800 New Mexicans -World

This petition is closely followed by a **SECOND** petition to the Governor to Ban Horse Slaughter in New Mexico and now a **THIRD** Petition to Governor Martinez to **STOP THE RED NECK NATION** killing of prairie dogs, coyotes, bears, cougars and horses in New Mexico!

Governor Martinez has promised Bold Change for New Mexico's families. She has stated that she is opposed to horse slaughter. She is a potential presidential candidate . . . it is high time to LEAD!

Tourism is our largest private sector employer and our second largest revenue.

New Mexicans from across the state, have united to draft an Executive Order for Governor Martinez. See end of doc. - New Mexico Super Lawyer's endorsement.

New Mexican Citizens Against Horse Slaughter will not be duped by the exposed pro-horse slaughter propagandist campaign of NM media and certain front groups. They *feign empathy* regarding "starving horses", *deceiving us regarding "unregulated slaughter in Mexico" vs "regulated" or "humane slaughter"* here in the US. In fact, Mexico uses captive bolt due to the European Union reqs.

Talking about "Solutions" as if they are not already in place, talking about *poor families and the economy*, and finally, asking people to *call the USDA*, or sign a *petition to the USDA*, thereby diverting focus off Governor Martinez, who can end slaughter in NM now! When you hear these italicized words, please know that you are hearing a pro-slaughter PR campaign, don't buy it, call us!

The USDA is powerless to make change. The USDA is merely an agency which must follow the law. It cannot change the law. The USDA has already recommended that Congress Ban slaughter. Time to call Governor Martinez at 505-476-2200 and respectfully ask for an Executive Order Ban!

Multiple Petitions in New Mexico- Fed up with killing!

There are many other relevant petitions regarding New Mexico and animal cruelty including; [Stop Animal Killing Contests in New Mexico](#) ; Currently at 22,474 signatures on Causes.com

We invite the media and the public to review [The Unintended Consequences of Horse Slaughter for the US](#)

YES SHE CAN! Sign an Executive order BAN!

WHOA joins the New Mexico Citizens Against Horse Slaughter and the 5800 plus and growing petition signers to hereby respectfully ask our Governor, Susana Martinez, to Ban horse slaughter in New Mexico by Executive Order - Now!

New Mexico Wild Life Pictures on page 2.

Read Draft Executive Order on pg3.



Placitas Wild Horses – Protecting Sandia Mt. Wild Life corridor - © Kevin Larson

Placitas Bobcat -© Kevin Larson



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Locally sighted Mountain Lion Track



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The People – Placitas Wild Ones

NM Governor Susanna Martinez Can Lead

Attorney at Law Pia Gallegos states “There exists sufficient potential for public harm so as to justify an Executive Order by Governor Martinez banning horse slaughter in the State of New Mexico.” (NMSA 12-10A-5)

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EXECUTIVE ORDER-2013-XXX PROTECTING NEW MEXICO’S PUBLIC SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS I, Governor Martinez have declared: “I believe creating a horse slaughtering industry in New Mexico is wrong and I am strongly opposed”.

WHEREAS A horse slaughter plant is “non-compliant” with EXECUTIVE ORDER-2005-056 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. A horse slaughter facility will reduce property values, air and water quality, increase crime rates, increase worker-safety issues, and expose US and foreign markets to drug contaminated meats.

WHEREAS Violent crime rates increase due to a slaughter house and vice versa. Empirical data in Kaufman, TX, support this premise. After the horse slaughter facility Dallas Crown closed in 2006 (per Equine Welfare Alliance):

- Murders dropped 100%
- Rapes dropped 100%
- Robberies dropped 65.6%
- Assaults dropped 61.2%
- Thefts dropped 71.2%
- Auto Thefts dropped 83.3%

Conversely, Brooks, Alberta Canada suffered a 70% increase in crime with a new horse slaughter facility (“When A Slaughter Plant Comes to Town” by Jane Allin, Vivian Grant Farrell).

Other Studies confirmed these findings:

- “Slaughterhouses and Increased Crime Rates: An Empirical Analysis of the Spillover From ‘The Jungle’ Into the Surrounding Community”, J. Fitzgerald, University of Windsor, Linda Kalof, MSU, Thomas Dietz, MSU. Organization & Environment, 2009
- Journal of Rural Studies, Michael Broadway, 2000
- Slaughterhouse Blues, Donald Stull and Michael Broadway, 2004
- American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 2007

WHEREAS Environmental Hazards include: Blood disposal issues, potentially pathogenic mountains of entrails, odors for miles. Horses have almost twice the quantity of blood as cows. Their blood is difficult to treat. The bacterial agents used in standard cattle digesters fail to provide acceptable discharge levels because of antibiotics often found in horse blood.

WHEREAS The GAO JAN 2005 -WORKPLACE SAFETY describes the dangers of working in a slaughter plant as well as the relatively high rate of injury.

Per OSHA “If the animals are still dying when they are hung on the line, they may struggle and thrash about wildly, resulting in injuries that range from broken arms to permanent disfigurement and in . . . severe cases death”. “Employee Decapitated by Chain of Hide Puller Machine. Employee Killed . . . Head Crushed by Conveyor. Employee Killed . . . Head Crushed in Hide Fleshing Machine. Employee Killed by Stun Gun. Caught and Killed by Gut-Cooker Machine.”

WHEREAS FDA has not approved horses as food animals. Worldwide, attention is focused on the unlawful-mislabeling of drug tainted meat resulting in economic loss, potential public health issues, and public outrage.

WHEREAS Horse Slaughter inspections on unfit food for foreign consumption would decrease inspections on US food.

WHEREAS American Culture was founded on the backs of horses. 80% of Americans by Lake-Research-Poll, are opposed to horse slaughter.

WHEREAS The GAO REPORT June 2011 – CESSATION OF DOMESTIC SLAUGHTER recommends a “permanent ban on horse slaughter.”

WHEREAS Slaughter of Equines cannot be accomplished pursuant to the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act.

7 U.S.C.A. § 1902 Humane Methods. No . . . slaughtering shall be deemed to comply . . . unless it is humane. . . : (a) . . . all animals are rendered insensible to pain by a single blow or gunshot or an electrical, chemical or other means that is rapid and effective, before being shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast, or cut;

“The brain of an equine is further back in the skull compared to a bovine. The equines regain consciousness . . . after they are shackled and hoisted. . . they are very much aware of being butchered alive.”

“ in the . . . equine slaughter houses operating in the United States, no . . . restraint is used . . . in the kill chute . . . In some instances, it takes several attempts to effectively apply the penetrating captive bolt . . . , if this is achieved at all. . . . in violation of 7 U.S.C.A. §1902 (a) of the Humane Slaughter Act”

- Dr. Lester Friedlander, DVM & former Chief USDA Inspector

WHEREAS Multiple US states have banned horse slaughter for human consumption.

And finally, **WHEREAS** New Mexico is home to twenty three Pueblos and Tribes; many of whom hold the horse to be sacred and valued components of their traditional culture are opposed to horse slaughter.

I, Governor Martinez, by virtue of the Authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State do **ORDER** and **DIRECT** a Ban on horse slaughter for human consumption in New Mexico.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Pursuant to NMSA CHAPTER 12 ARTICLE 10A> 12-10A-5.

New Mexicans Against Horse Slaughter - Founders - Jessica Perdue-Gutman, Nancy L. Henery, Amie Selecman, Paula Todd King, Patience O’Dowd