

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-44**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMMENDING HB 560 (FORFEITURE ACT)**

**WHEREAS**, in 2015 the legislature passed and the governor signed substantial amendments to the state Forfeiture Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 amendments have had costly and unintended consequences to local law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 SB 202 was introduced and addressed the concerns of the majority of sheriffs and was acceptable to a broad spectrum of stakeholders and was a 2017 New Mexico Association of County's priority; and

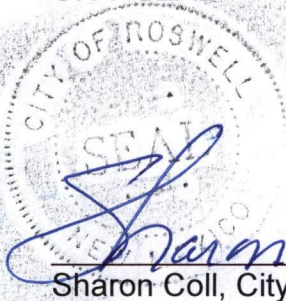
**WHEREAS**, SB 202 received unanimous support of the Senate and passed the House Judiciary Committee, but was never called up for a vote on the House floor.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, THE CITY COUNCIL, ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO** hereby supports amendments to the Forfeiture Act as stated in 2017 SB 202 ;

**AND MAY IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY, THE CITY COUNCIL OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO** supports and requests the Legislature of the State of New Mexico to support legislation that would correct the unintended consequences of the 2015 amendments to the Forfeiture Act to address federal equitable sharing, storage of abandoned property and expand local authority to seize and dispose of forfeited property while preserving due process protections.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017**

CITY SEAL



*Sharon Coll*  
Sharon Coll, City Clerk



Dennis Kintigh, Mayor