

## **RPNM Pays Tribute to the Life of Russ Howell**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Russ Howell, the esteemed Chair of the Republican Party of Luna County. Russ's unwavering commitment, motivational leadership, and tireless efforts transformed Luna County's political landscape, marking a significant shift from blue to red.

Russ Howell was not just a leader; she was a visionary who understood the importance of grassroots engagement. She developed an innovative plan to welcome and engage new residents of Luna County, ensuring they were informed about the Republican Party and how they could get involved. This initiative not only broadened their base but also strengthened their community, reflecting Russ's deep understanding of effective political strategy and community building.

Throughout her years of involvement with both the Republican Party of Luna County (RPLC) and the Republican Party of New Mexico (RPNM), Russ demonstrated an unparalleled work ethic and a passionate dedication to her principles. Russ was a pillar of strength and integrity, inspiring all who had the privilege of working with her.

Russ Howell's contributions to the Luna County and State Republican Party are immeasurable, and her absence will be deeply felt by all of us.

"Her legacy of hard work, strategic planning, and heartfelt leadership will continue to inspire us as we move forward. She will be greatly missed, but her spirit will forever remain a part of Luna County's Republican Party," said RPNM First Vice Chairwoman Amy Barela.

"I considered her to be a friend, trusted her judgment, and often called to ask for advice," said RPNM Chairman Steve Pearce.

Let us honor her memory by continuing the work she was so passionate about and striving to uphold the values she so fervently believed in. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Russ's family and loved ones during this difficult time.