

Santa Fe County Proclamation

PROCLAIMING MARCH 10TH 2019 AS "TIBETAN FREEDOM DAY"

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County recognizes the rich cultural history and heritage of Tibet and the Tibetan people; and,

WHEREAS, the local Tibetan Community of Santa Fe adds depth and richness to the County; and,

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2019, Tibetans will commemorate more than a half-century of occupation and exile, and the exodus of about 80,000 Tibetans across the Himalayas; and,

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County supports the conclusion of the United States Congress that under the established principle of international law, Tibet is an occupied country whose true representative is the exiled Tibetan government based in India, headed by Sikyong Lobsand Sangay; and,

WHEREAS, the Tibetan people acknowledge and honor His Holiness the Dalai Lama, recipient of numerous awards from many governments and institutions, including the Nobel Peace Prize and the United States Congressional Gold Medal, as the Spiritual and Temporal Leader of Tibet, and hereby encourage the People's Republic of China to enter into discussions with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Government to solve the questions of Tibet based on the will of the Tibetan people and ensure respect for the fundamental rights of the Tibetan people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 10TH OF MARCH 2019, AS:

"TIBETAN FREEDOM DAY"

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

Anna T. Hamilton, Chair Commissioner District 4

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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