

Santa Fe County Proclamation

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AGUA FRIA VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County and the Agua Fria Village Association have partnered on numerous projects and contributions of public betterment and civic participation; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Agua Fria Village witnessed the ruin of their sister community Las Cieneguitas by the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, the elders of Agua Fria Village banded together to file a lawsuit against the Public Service Company of New Mexico which later became the Santa Fe River Adjudication known as Henry P. Anaya, et al. versus PNM in 1971; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Agua Fria Village recognized their historical significance and contested the annexation of their area by the City of Santa Fe from 1960 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Agua Fria Village, concerned about a road network plan based on a municipal block pattern, started a neighborhood association called the South West Area Taskforce or "SWAT" that assisted with the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County's General Plan activities as well as the river adjudication; and

WHEREAS, following the deactivation of SWAT in 1992, the Agua Fria community recognized the need for a new neighborhood association. Citizens Olivia Annon Tsosie (1933-2007) and Tamara Lichtenstein presented a plan to Village elder Amarante Romero (1920-2013) and William H. Mee. They met at the Plants of the Southwest; and

WHEREAS, a series of community-wide meetings were held and a General Election to form the Agua Fria Village Association was held on October 10, 1993 at Agua Fria Elementary School's Big Gym; and

WHEREAS, the following officers and advisors were elected:

President:

Frank Tercero

Vice President:

David Romero Pike

Secretary:

Phil Romero

Treasurer:

Ortencia Gonzales

Sergeant-At-Arms:

Mark Gonzales & Ramon Romero

Senior Advisor: Village Elders: Amarante Romero

Village Representatives:

Jose E. Gonzales (1924-2010), Marin Mier (1920-2014), and Nick Baca (1923-2009)

Olivia Tsosie and Mark Gonzales

Community Sector Representatives:

Sector 1: Rosemary and David Medrano

Sector 2: Tomas and Gilda Montano

Sector 3: Joe Mier

Sector 4: Mel Rubel Gallegos and Patty Gallegos and Gene Leyba

Sector 5: Robert and Linda Romero, and Phil Romero

Sector 6: Hazel and Ramon Romero

Sector 7: Arlene, Toby and Gilbert Tercero

Sector 8: Tamara Lichtenstein

Sector 9: Jane Whitmore

Sector 10: E. Mel and Teresa Prada



WHEREAS, the Agua Fria Village Association also collaborated with the Santa Fe County Land Use Department's SLDC planning structure as a Community Organization in 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board Of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, do hereby proclaim, October 14th as Agua Fria Village Association Day and direct the County Manager to deliver this Proclamation to the Agua Fria Village Association to aid in their 25th anniversary celebration.

APPPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED THIS 9th day of October, 2018.

Anna Hansen, Chair

Commissioner, District 2

Henry P. Roybal

Commissioner, District 1

Ed Moreno

Commissioner, District 5

Anna Hamilton, Vice-Chair Commissioner, District 4

Robert A. Anaya

Commissioner, District 3

Katherine Miller

County Manager

Approved as to form:

R. Bruce Frederick, County Attorney

ATTESTATION: *

Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk