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*Commissioner, District 4*

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*Commissioner, District 5*

**Katherine Miller**  
*County Manager*

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 7, 2015

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Julia Valdez, Constituent Services Liaison, Manager's Office

**VIA:** Katherine Miller, County Manager

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### ITEM AND ISSUE:

On Wednesday, January 14, 2015, Santa Fe Community College will be having a grand opening ceremony for the new Santa Fe Higher Education Center. (Commissioner Stefanics)

### BACKGROUND

Santa Fe Community College began construction on the Santa Fe Higher Education Center in January 2014.

The HEC is a partnership among colleges and universities to provide affordable, accessible bachelor and graduate degree programs in one location in central Santa Fe.

Students who enroll in the HEC realize significant tuition savings by attending SFCC the first two years and continuing on to complete a bachelor's degree at one of the partner institutions. In addition, the SFCC associate degree counts directly toward meeting the requirements of the bachelor's degree program at partner institutions, so no time is wasted in having to take courses over or courses not transferring.



# SANTA FE COUNTY PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 14, 2015

## SANTA FE COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION DAY

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Community College will open the Santa Fe Higher Education Center on January 14, 2015 to bring affordable, accessible bachelor's and master's degree options to Santa Fe County;

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Community College and its current partner institutions of higher education – Institute of American Indian Arts, New Mexico Highlands University, New Mexico State University and the University of New Mexico, will celebrate with a formal ribbon cutting and public grand opening of the Higher Education Center on January 14, 2015;

**WHEREAS**, the 34,000 square foot facility features 15 classrooms, a collaborative learning lab, flexible instructional spaces and the latest sustainable, green building elements; providing a high quality, comfortable and state-of-the-art educational environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of Santa Fe County approved funding for the Higher Education Center in 2010, supporting its construction and helping to create this new pathway to a better future for our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SANTA FE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** does hereby proclaim January 14, 2015

## SANTA FE COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION DAY

and does hereby urge all citizens to visit the Higher Education Center and take advantage of the wonderful resources and educational programs that it offers.

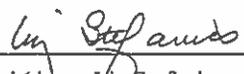
**SIGNED AND DATED ON THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2015**

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Commissioner Robert A. Anaya, Chair  
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Commissioner Miguel M. Chavez, Vice-Chair  
District 2

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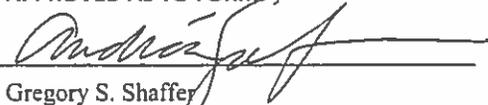
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

  
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Gregory S. Shaffer  
County Attorney

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Geraldine Salazar  
County Clerk

