

**SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION No. 2012-⁶²**

**A RESOLUTION DEDICATING
SANTA FE COUNTY SOUTH MEADOWS BRIDGE AS THE
“SERGEANT FIRST CLASS LEROY ARTHUR PETRY” BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry (“SFC Petry”) was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico on July 29, 1979;

WHEREAS, SFC Petry attended elementary, middle and high school in Santa Fe;

WHEREAS, his first two years of high school were troubled to the point that he was close to failing;

WHEREAS, as a sophomore, he transferred to St. Catherine’s Indian School, where his life was turned around and for his efforts he earned a Bootstrap Award, an award that honors high school seniors who are committed to improving themselves and their communities;

WHEREAS, SFC Petry was a member of the last graduating class of St. Catherine’s Indian School in 1998;

WHEREAS, after high school SFC Petry spent the next year studying at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico until he joined the Army in 1999;

WHEREAS, SFC Petry attended basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Georgia;

WHEREAS, SFC Petry completed multiple combat tours to Afghanistan and Iraq totaling 28 months of deployment;

WHEREAS, in Paktya, Afghanistan in May, 2008, while assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment, SFC Petry lost his right hand and suffered shrapnel wounds after throwing an armed grenade away from his fellow Rangers;

WHEREAS, his courageous actions occurred during combat operations against an armed

enemy during a rare daylight raid to capture a high-value target;

WHEREAS, SFC Petry displayed great personal bravery and self-sacrifice by risking his life to save his fellow Rangers;

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2011, President Barack Obama awarded SFC Petry the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty;

WHEREAS, SFC Petry will be the second living, active duty service member to be awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Medal of Honor, SFC Petry has earned several military decorations which include two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, three Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, National Defense Service Medal, three Army Good Conduct Medals, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Combat Star, and the Iraq Campaign Medal with Combat Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA FE that the South Meadows Bridge which crosses the Santa Fe River and connects to the National Historic Trail known as El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro—the Royal Road to the Interior Lands, which brought the first expeditions to New Mexico is hereby dedicated and shall henceforth be known as the “Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry Bridge” in honor of the courageous actions of Leroy Arthur Petry, Sergeant First Class in the United States Army and successful nominee of the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Fe County Public Works Department is directed to obtain and place a sign at the bridge that reads:

**Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry Bridge
United States Medal of Honor Recipient
For his Conspicuous Gallantry and Intrepidity Above and Beyond the Call of Duty**

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11/27/12

Liz Stefanics
Liz Stefanics, Chair



Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen Ross
Stephen Ross, County Attorney

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for
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Deputy Tara Jones Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Valerie Espinoza
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM