

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014- 43**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NORTHERN RIO GRANDE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMPLETION OF ITS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONERS MAYFIELD AND STEFANICS**

**WHEREAS**, By enactment of Public Law 109-338 on October 12, 2006, Congress has recognized the combination of cultures, languages, folk arts, customs, architecture, and landscape of Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, and Taos counties and designated this area as the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area (Heritage Area);

**WHEREAS**, Congress designated Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, Inc. (NRGNHA) as the management entity responsible for creating a Management Plan that describes how NRGNHA will partner with affected communities, local and tribal governments, and residents within the Heritage Area to accomplish the preservation and interpretation of the resources in the Heritage Area;

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico House of Representatives and the New Mexico Senate recognized NRGNHA for its continued contribution to the preservation of New Mexico's cultural heritage, and congratulated it on its commitment to provide assistance and support to the people of Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, and Taos counties; further, the New Mexico House of Representatives encouraged the governing bodies of Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, Taos counties to provide support and participation in the continuing efforts of the NRGNHA;

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County adopted Resolution 2009-90, a Resolution "In Support of the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area," and in 2008/2009 provided the NRGNHA with an initial \$10,000 to support the development and completion of the Management Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the Management Plan was finalized in 2013, and the National Park Service formally approved said Management Plan on January 15, 2014, approving the implementation of a development program under the following goals, and authorizing access to federal funding in pursuit of these strategies:

- **Goal 1:** Enhance understanding and awareness of the heritage area's stories and resources by strengthening community identity, creating opportunities for interpretation and visitor education, and by supporting heritage programs.
- **Goal 2:** Sustain traditions, heritage, and culture by supporting community efforts to maintain traditional life practices, by documenting stories and histories, and by supporting preservation of cultural resources, including local arts, traditions, and celebrations.

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- **Goal 3:** Involve youth in the appreciation of and continuation of traditional practices by creating opportunities for hands-on experiential learning, internships, and mentoring.
- **Goal 4:** Create partnerships with non-profit groups, local and Tribal governments, service organizations, educational institutions and others to further the goals of the Heritage Area.
- **Goal 5:** Conserve resources by working with communities and preservation organizations and by supporting efforts to maintain, preserve and restore natural and cultural resources, while also providing opportunities for recreation.
- **Goal 6:** Promote economic development and heritage tourism by gathering and sharing information on the Heritage Area and establishing partnerships with communities, businesses, and organizations that provide tourist experiences and programs.

**WHEREAS**, the Management Plan contains the following broad objectives linked to the vision, mission, and goals of the Heritage Area:

- To build understanding and identity, raising local, regional, and national awareness of the Rio Grande region;
- To strengthen the fabric and sustainability of the place through education and promotional activities;
- To expand economic opportunities and to increase the community collaboration and involvement within communities that constitute the heritage area; while
- Supporting a healthy ecosystem and enhancing natural resource-based recreation opportunities.

**WHEREAS**, as part of its operational programs, NRGNHA has established a grant program to support cultural/arts/economic development initiatives, and has made grants to Santa Fe County non-profits and initiatives spanning from Edgewood up to Chimayo, between 2011 and 2013, totaling \$43,465;

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County has appointed the Economic Development Manager as the County representative to serve on the Board of Directors of NRGNHA; and

**WHEREAS**, heritage tourism, agriculture tourism, arts/culture tourism, outdoor recreation, and other economic development areas of activity are important to Santa Fe County, and form an integral part of the Economic Development Plan; further, the Economic Development Plan mentions the NRGNHA as a "key collaborator" for arts and culture initiatives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, as follows:

- Santa Fe County acknowledges the NRGNHA for its completion of the Management Plan and congratulates it for its subsequent approval by the National Park Service;

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- Santa Fe County recognizes that the mission and goals/objectives of the NRGNHA overlap with many aspects of the County's Economic Development Plan, and that by supporting and partnering with NRGNHA, and actively participating in the Heritage Area, the goals and strategies listed in the Economic Development Plan may be implemented; and
- Santa Fe County endorses collaboration and participation by Santa Fe County in supporting initiatives that are of benefit to the County in pursuit of its Economic Development goals, and wishes to continue to partner with NRGNHA, and hereby authorizes allocation of financial resources and employee participation in such efforts.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED THIS 27 day of May, 2014

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By: *Daniel W. Mayfield*  
 Daniel W. Mayfield, Chair

ATTEST:

*Geraldine Salazar*  
 Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

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Approved as to form:

*Willie R. Brown*  
 for: Greg Shaffer, County Attorney

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 28TH Day Of May, 2014 at 03:23:11 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1737787 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
 Deputy *Marcello Salazar* Geraldine Salazar  
 County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



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