

Henry P. Roybal
Commissioner, District 1

Anna Hansen
Commissioner, District 2

Ed H. Moreno
Commissioner, District 5



Robert A. Anaya
Commissioner, District 3

Anna T. Hamilton
Commissioner, District 4

Katherine Miller
County Manager

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 10/23/2017

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller

FROM: Julia Valdez, Constituent Services Liaison

RE: A Proclamation Recognizing The Achievements of and Expressing Appreciation for Randy Grissom on the Occasion of His Retirement as President of Santa Fe Community College
(Commissioner Edward H. Moreno)

SUMMARY

This Proclamation recognizes Santa Fe Community College outgoing president Randy Grissom for his numerous contributions to Santa Fe County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Commissioner Moreno respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners support and approve this item.



SANTA FE COUNTY PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR RANDY GRISSOM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHEREAS, upon his appointment as Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) President in 2013, Randy Grissom has led a unified, campus-wide commitment to increase student success, focusing on retention and nearly doubling the graduation rate; and

WHEREAS, 725 graduates earned a total of 874 certificates and degrees from SFCC in 2017; and

WHEREAS, President Grissom has provided strong leadership through a time of severe budget cuts, focusing on saving jobs, starting innovative academic and workforce programs, recruiting partners, and raising millions of dollars in grants and gifts; and

WHEREAS, President Grissom partnered with Santa Fe County (County”) and the Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board to support the Professional Readiness for Technical Careers’ (PROTEC) accelerated film and media education program; and

WHEREAS, President Grissom raised an endowment to establish the SFCC Early Childhood Center of Excellence with a mission to provide affordable high-quality education and professional development; and

WHEREAS, President Grissom led a revolution in green jobs training, establishing sustainability programs in 19 area high schools as well as in tribal and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, President Grissom was recognized this year by the American Association of Community Colleges, earning the college the “2017 Climate Leadership Award: Preparing the Next Generation Workforce for Green Jobs” from that national organization; and

WHEREAS, President Grissom has made support of veterans in our community a priority by expanding the Veterans Resource Center on campus to serve not only SFCC veterans but all area veterans, which earned SFCC “BEST for VETS” status from the *Military Times* for three consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, under President Grissom’s leadership, access to affordable higher education has been made available through the community college’s Higher Education Center where university partners offer a wide array of bachelor’s and master’s degrees; and

WHEREAS, President Grissom began a program in controlled environment agriculture, reflecting SFCC's focus on food production, using techniques such as aquaponics and hydroponics, and the college is constructing greenhouse comprising nearly 12,000 square feet in order to create a year-round growing facility on campus; and

WHEREAS, economic development has been a strong theme throughout President Grissom's tenure, with SFCC creating new certificates and an associate degree in hospitality and tourism in response to the eight percent employment growth in that sector in New Mexico, so that SFCC graduates can move into management positions locally; and

WHEREAS, President Grissom secured funds from the federal Economic Development Administration to create a training program in microgrid energy distribution systems, which attracted engineering expertise and equipment from industry partners to support research, product development, and workforce training in a new field that is expected to grow to a \$35 billion industry globally in just the next three years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners that, on the occasion of his well-deserved retirement at the end of this month:

Santa Fe County hereby proudly recognizes, expresses its sincere appreciation, and congratulates Randy Grissom on his many significant accomplishments and successes during his tenure as Santa Fe Community College President.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.

Henry P. Roybal, Chair
Commissioner, District 1

Anna Hansen, Vice-Chair
Commissioner, District 2

Robert A. Anaya,
Commissioner, District 3

Anna T. Hamilton
Commissioner, District 4

Ed H. Moreno
Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTESTATION:

Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

