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Katherine Miller
County Manager

DATE: *December 9, 2014*

TO: *Board of County Commissioners*

VIA: *Katherine Miller, County Manager*

FROM: *Kathy Holian, Commissioner, District 4*

RE: **A Proclamation Recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Conservation Trust (Commissioner Holian)**

ISSUE:

On the agenda for your consideration is a proclamation recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Conservation Trust.

BACKGROUND:

The Santa Fe Conservation Trust was founded in 1993 to assist the citizens of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County as well as the citizens of San Miguel and Rio Arriba counties to preserve their cultural and historic land and heritage. The Santa Fe Conservation Trust, in partnership with the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe, the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County, engages volunteers as advocates and stewards of the trails that make our community an outstanding place to live and to visit The Trust. It is dedicated to preserving the spirit of place among the communities of northern New Mexico by protecting open spaces and critical wildlife habitat, creating trails, and protecting the traditional landscapes of our diverse cultures.

On September 14, 2014, The Santa Fe Conservation Trust celebrated the 13th Annual Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner and the Santa Fe Conservation Trust 20th Anniversary Celebration. They commemorated 20 years of successful land conservation, the design, implementation and extension of public trails and an impressive dark skies program at the National Park Service Building.

ACTION REQUESTED

Commissioner Holian seeks board approval for the proclamation.



Santa Fe County Proclamation

Introduced by Commissioner Kathy Holian

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANTA FE CONSERVATION TRUST

WHEREAS, The Santa Fe Conservation Trust is celebrating 20 years of successful land conservation in northern New Mexico;

WHEREAS, in 1994, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust was instrumental in the protection of Atalaya Mountain;

WHEREAS, since 1996, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust has played an instrumental role in the completion of the Rail Trail, the Spur Trail, the Dale Ball Trail system and the La Piedra Trail, providing our community and our visitors with a variety of hiking, biking and other outdoor recreation opportunities;

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Santa Fe Community Foundation presented the Santa Fe Conservation Trust with a Piñon Award for Excellence in the Environment;

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Santa Fe Conservation Trust hosted the first Trail Summit bringing together key players in the arenas of non-motorized trail planning, policy, construction, and stewardship to share information, contribute to a common vision for a regional trail system, and create strategies for a coordinated effort to realize mutual goals;

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Santa Fe Conservation Trust launched a dark skies program to bring awareness to the community about the dangers of light pollution and its effect on our enjoyment of the beautiful starry skies in New Mexico;

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust worked with the Taos Land Trust to provide public access to the Rio Hondo in Taos County;

WHEREAS, in 2010, our community came together and with the help of the Trust for Public Land and the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, a significant conservation easement was recorded on Sun Mountain, preserving this iconic Santa Fe landmark from development that would have forever scarred this hillside;

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, since 1993, has protected over 35,000 acres of land including wide open pastures, working lands, wildlife habitat, cool running rivers, and public trails;

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust has recently received accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Commission, placing the Trust among the ranks of 280 land trusts throughout the nation and assuring donors and land conservation partners that the Santa Fe Conservation Trust adheres to the most rigorous legal, financial and ethical standards;

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust is poised to celebrate 20 more years of preserving the very best of northern New Mexico.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Santa Fe County Commission of Santa Fe County hereby proclaims that we recognize the Santa Fe Conservation Trust for the outstanding contributions the organization has made to our local community and northern New Mexico, be



acknowledged as our local land trust, honored for the organization's commitment to another twenty years of improving the quality of life for all.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED ON this 9th day December, 2014.

Daniel W. Mayfield
Chair, Commissioner, District 1

Robert A. Anaya
Vice-Chair, Commissioner, District 3

Miguel M. Chavez
Commissioner, District 2

Kathy Holian
Commissioner, District 4

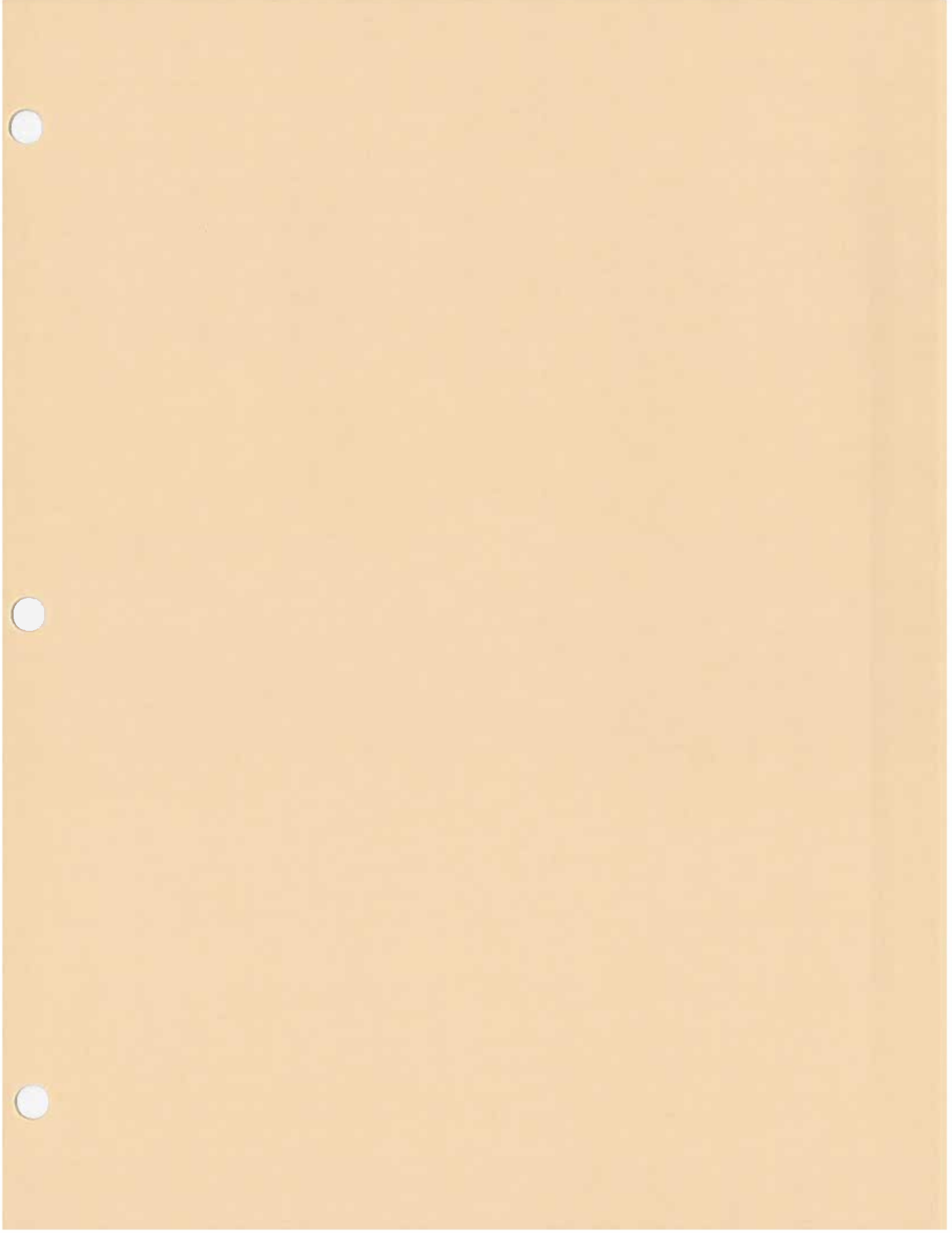
Liz Stefanics
Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

Approved to Form by
for: Attorney Gregory S. Shaffer:

William R. Brown

Attest by Clerk Geraldine Salazar:



III. E. Miscellaneous

- 2. Request Authorization to Execute the North Central Regional Transit District Amended Intergovernmental Agreement. (County Manger's Office/ Tony Flores) Tabled**

