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Henry P. Roybal
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Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 10, 2015

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager

RE: A Proclamation Remembering And Honoring Linda Pedro For Her Outstanding Contributions And Achievement For Disability Rights In Santa Fe County And The State Of New Mexico (Commissioner Stefanics and Commissioner Roybal)

ITEM AND ISSUE:

This is a Proclamation to recognize Linda Pedro, an advocate for people with disabilities and community activist in Chimayo (Commissioner Stefanics and Commissioner Roybal)

BACKGROUND

Linda Pedro was a long-time resident of Chimayo who had a strong interest in justice for people. After a life-changing accident in 1966 which left her confined to a wheelchair as a quadriplegic, she was further challenged by a system that tried to force her into an institutionalized facility and would have put her 5-year-old son into foster care. She fought back and eventually won the right to care for him at home.

She was a champion spokesperson whose testimony was heard during the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

She went on to become an activist for various social and civil justice issues in her community.

Linda Pedro succumbed to deteriorating health problems on January 13, 2015 at the age of 68.



SANTA FE COUNTY PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

A PROCLAMATION REMEMBERING AND HONORING

LINDA PEDRO

**FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENT
FOR DISABILITY RIGHTS IN SANTA FE COUNTY AND THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

WHEREAS, Linda Pedro was born to James Allander and Reyna Maria Martinez on April 6, 1946 in Colorado;

WHEREAS, Ms. Pedro is best known as a leader for the disabilities rights movement in New Mexico, she is also remembered as a mother, an artist, a political candidate, a spiritual mentor, a community organizer, an environmental activist and an advocate for the cultural traditions of Northern New Mexico;

WHEREAS, in 1966 Ms. Pedro became disabled when her neck was broken in a car accident, leaving her paralyzed with only partial use of her arms. She had been a passenger in an old Volkswagen Beetle, with her husband driving. Volkswagen had issued a recall due to a faulty steering column, but they had not received the news. While they were traveling through Arroyo Hondo, the steering column failed, sending the vehicle off of a cliff, injuring them both;

WHEREAS, Ms. Pedro challenged the Social Services Department in Federal District Court to change the way in-home care was provided, when the state threatened to put her son Daniel in foster care. In 1978, Ms. Pedro's case prevailed and she went on to stay in her home and raise her son. Her change to the way in-home care was provided became the national model;

WHEREAS, from her home in Chimayo, New Mexico, Linda continued to campaign for disabilities rights, but she never let her disability define the scope of her activities, she spent her life doing things that she had been told were impossible, which included:

- Her run for State Senate on the La Raza Unida ticket, challenging the incumbent of Rio Arriba County;
- Hosting countless Native American Church prayer meetings and founded the first non-native branch of the NAC, the American Church of God;
- Pioneering recycling in Rio Arriba County, as an Environmental activist;
- Organizing her community to challenge drug abuse, by bringing together people in a multi-faith procession from Española to the Santuario de Chimayó to protest the area's rampant drug abuse;
- Being an Obama campaign coordinator (The "Obamanos" slogan was born at a campaign meeting in her living room);
- Being a Board member of the New Mexico Governor's Commission on Disabilities;
- Raising her son, Daniel, and a half dozen other children who at various times came to live in the Pedro household;
- Founding the Galleria Guadalupana, being an artist, a promoter of art, and preservationist of traditional culture;
- Being an archivist, a chronicler and a story teller, who uncovered and preserved the history of both her family and community.



WHEREAS, most of all, Linda Pedro challenged prevailing assumptions about people with disabilities — that a person with a disability couldn't be a parent, would always be dependent, and could not and should not make their own decisions. She redefined a person with a disability as being foremost, a person, with authority to make their own choices and to shape the world around them;

WHEREAS, Ms. Pedro, a long-time resident of Chimayo, attained her wish to pass away in her home;

WHEREAS, Ms. Pedro is survived by her husband, Bobby Pedro, son, Daniel Pedro, daughter-in-law, Lynn, grandson, James, granddaughters, Courtney and Caitlin; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County is saddened by Linda Pedro's passing on January 13, 2015, and would like to express their heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, by this proclamation, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County recognizes Linda Pedro for her activism, generosity, wise counsel, unquenchable sense of humor, sincere friendship, and devoted love for her community.

Linda Pedro Community Activist

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 31st DAY OF MARCH 2015

Robert A. Anaya
Chair
Commissioner District 3

Miguel M. Chavez
Vice-Chair
Commissioner District 2

Henry P. Roybal
Commissioner District 1

Kathy Holian
Commissioner District 4

Liz Stefanics
Commissioner District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory S. Shaffer
Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

ATTEST:

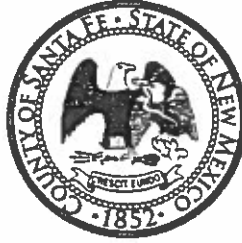
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk



Henry P. Roybal
Commissioner, District 1

Miguel M. Chavez
Commissioner, District 2

Robert A. Anaya
Commissioner, District 3



Kathy Holian
Commissioner, District 4

Liz Stefanics
Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

DATE: March 17, 2015

TO: Board of County Commissioners

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager

FROM:  Chris M. Barela, Constituent Service Liaison District 3

RE: A Proclamation of Celebration in Honor of Cesar E. Chavez

Board of County Commission meeting March 31, 2015

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

Cesar Estrada Chavez committed himself to organizing and became founder and full-time labor activist for the National Farm Workers Association whose mission was battling racial and economic discrimination against farm workers by using non-violence.

Cesar E. Chavez's birthday, March 31st is a state holiday in California, Colorado, and Texas. President Barack H. Obama proclaimed March 31st "Cesar Chavez Day" in the United States, with Americans being urged to "observe this day with appropriate service, community, and educational programs to honor Cesar Chavez's enduring legacy."

REQUEST ACTION:

Commissioner Robert A. Anaya respectfully request that the Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners proclaim March 31, 2015 as: "CESAR E. CHAVEZ DAY"



The Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County

A PROCLAMATION OF CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ

WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez was born March 31, 1927 on a small farm near Yuma, Arizona and died on April 23, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Cesar E. Chavez committed himself to organizing and became founder and full-time labor activist for the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) whose mission was battling racial and economic discrimination against farm workers by using non-violence; and

WHEREAS, the NFWA became the United Farm Workers of America (UFW), the first successful farm workers' union in United States history with bargaining agreements that eventually covered 80,000 workers in California, New Mexico, Arizona and Florida; and

WHEREAS, through his commitment to non-violence, Cesar E. Chavez brought dignity and respect to the farm workers who organized themselves and became an inspiration and a resource to others engaged in human rights struggles throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 Cesar E. Chavez conducted a 25-day fast reaffirming the UFW's commitment to nonviolence that resulted in a national awareness of the plight of farm workers; and

WHEREAS, Cesar E. Chavez was a recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. peace prize during his lifetime and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom on September 8, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Cesar E. Chavez and his family dedicated themselves to the education of farm workers' children through migrant schools; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Cesar E. Chavez includes healthy working conditions that yield uncontaminated food for America's tables and the enforcement of employer sanctions for hiring undocumented workers; and

WHEREAS, Cesar E. Chavez's influence extends far beyond agriculture and provides inspiration for those working to better human rights through his example of organizing voter registration drives in urban and farm areas, initiating complaints against mistreatment by the police and empowering workers to seek advancement in education and politics; and

WHEREAS, Cesar E. Chavez's birthday, March 31st is a state holiday in California, Colorado, and Texas. President Barack H. Obama proclaimed March 31st "Cesar Chavez Day" in the United States, with Americans being urged to "observe this day with appropriate service, community, and educational programs to honor Cesar Chavez's enduring legacy";



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE SANTA FE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 31, 2015 AS:

"CESARE. CHAVEZ DAY"

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED, ON THIS 31st DAY OF MARCH 2015.

Robert A. Anaya, Chairman
Commissioner, District 3

Miguel M. Chavez, Vice Chairman
Commissioner, District 2

Henry P. Roybal,
Commissioner, District 1

Kathy Holian,
Commissioner, District 4

Liz Stefanics,
Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller,
County Manager

for: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William R. Brown
Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar - County Clerk



Henry P. Roybal
Commissioner, District 1

Miguel M. Chavez
Commissioner, District 2

Robert A. Anaya
Commissioner, District 3



Kathy Holian
Commissioner, District 4

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Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 31, 2015
To: Board of County Commissioners
Via: Katherine Miller, County Manager *KW*
From: Tina Salazar, Constituent Services Liaison on Behalf of Commissioner Holian
Re: A Proclamation Honoring Norma McCallan, Activist, Environmentalist, Santa Fe Living Treasure. (Commissioner Holian)

Issue:

On the agenda, under Matters from the Commission for your consideration is:

A Proclamation honoring the hard work and dedication of Norma McCallan, a Santa Fe Living Treasure. Norma is a tireless and effective activist for environmental causes in New Mexico. A remarkable woman who doesn't know the meaning of can't, she has worked for the environment on every level. Embracing the Sierra Club, Norma has held almost every official position, and as the Outings Director has led hundreds of hikes, introducing people to New Mexico's special land, teaching them outdoor etiquette, and promoting activism.

Whether at home, out in the community, or hiking on the beautiful trails, Norma is truly a Living Treasure who enriches Santa Fe Immeasurably with her activism, leadership, and example.

Request Action:

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



Santa Fe County Proclamation

Introduced by Commissioner Kathy Holian

A PROCLAMATION HONORING NORMA McCALLAN, ACTIVIST, ENVIRONMENTALIST, SANTA FE LIVING TREASURE

WHEREAS, Norma McCallan came to Santa Fe in 1975 and was completely smitten by the landscape, history and culture, and the progressive nature of New Mexico;

WHEREAS, she began working at the New Mexico State Library upon her arrival;

WHEREAS, upon working at the Library she first ran the Library's bookmobile and books-by-mail programs, then moved to the Reference Desk, State Documents and the Southwest reference desk;

WHEREAS, in holding these positions, she got to know New Mexico in a way that few people ever do, and that knowledge has served her well in her environmental activism;

WHEREAS, her love for the outdoors led her to the Sierra Club, where she found a group that shared her interest in outings and the environment;

WHEREAS, soon after joining the Sierra Club she was asked to become Outings Chair, and went on to fill almost every other position in the Club;

WHEREAS, she has contributed many articles on environmental issues to the Rio Grande Sierran, the local Club newsletter;

WHEREAS, during her 37 years with the Sierra Club in Santa Fe, Norma has served on the Chapter & Group executive committees in many different positions;

WHEREAS, she has contributed new hikes to almost every one of the seven editions of the Sierra Club hike book, Day Hikes in the Santa Fe Area, and has advocated for numerous environmental initiatives;

WHEREAS, Norma has led close to 450 hikes and outings;

WHEREAS, she has worked on several environmental initiatives including: Valle Vidal, "The Yellowstone of New Mexico," San Juan Basin Badlands, Buckman Bosque Restoration, Columbine Hondo, and Rio Grande del Norte; and

WHEREAS, whether at home, out in the community or hiking beautiful trails, Norma is truly a Living Treasure who enriches Santa Fe immeasurably.



NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners to proclaim her contributions to Santa Fe and to honor:

Norma McCallan,

Activist, Leader, Santa Fe Living Treasure

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED ON this 31st day March, 2015.

Robert A. Anaya
Chair, Commissioner, District 3

Miguel M. Chavez
Vice-Chair, Commissioner, District 2

Henry Roybal
Commissioner, District 1

Kathy Holian
Commissioner, District 4

Liz Stefanics
Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

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

Attest by:
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

Willie R. Brown



Henry P. Roybal
Commissioner, District 1

Miguel M. Chavez
Commissioner, District 2

Robert A. Anaya
Commissioner, District 3



Kathy Holian
Commissioner, District 4

Liz Stefanics
Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller
County Manager

DATE: March 25, 2015

TO: Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Tessa Jo Mascareñas, Constituent Services Liaison, County Manager's Office *sjm*

VIA: Katherine Miller, County Manager

RE: A Certificate of Acknowledgement Honoring Jennifer Manzanares of Congressman Ben Ray Lujan's Office for her efforts involving the New Mexico Congressional Delegation on major issues relevant to District 2. (**Commissioner Chavez**)

Background and Summary

Given the recent tragic fatality at the 599/Via Veteranos (CR 70) intersection, it has become apparent that action is necessary in order to ensure the safety of residents especially as the 599 corridor continues to function as a relief route for the City of Santa Fe and as an alternative for hazardous waste transport from Los Alamos.

Assistance has been offered by the NM Congressional Delegation office following approval by all five (5) members of the delegation. This support is highly valued and much needed.

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that this proclamation be passed in order to acknowledge the efforts of Jennifer Manzanares in involving all five (5) members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation. In addition, it aims to promote future collaboration between Santa Fe County and New Mexico Congressional Delegation.



Certificate of Acknowledgement

The Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners hereby

Jennifer J. Manzanares

Of Congressman Ben Ray Lujan's Office

for her efforts involving the New Mexico Congressional Delegation on major issues relevant to District 2. Thereby, gaining support and identifying possible funding sources for safety improvements to the 599 Corridor (CR70).

Therefore, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County presents this Certificate of Appreciation on this 31st day of March 2015.

Robert A. Anaya, Chair
Commission District 3

Miguel M. Chavez, Vice-Chair
Commission District 2

Henry P. Roybal
Commission District 1

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