

# SANTA FE COUNTY

## *Resolution No. 2001-199*

RESOLUTION  
REQUESTING STATE AND FEDERAL COOPERATION AND FUNDING  
FOR A STUDY OF ALTERNATIVES  
TO THE ALIGNMENT OF NEW MEXICO ROAD 50  
THROUGH THE GLORIETA BATTLEFIELD UNIT  
OF PECOS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1990, the president of the United States signed Public Law 101-536 creating the Glorieta Unit of Pecos National Historical Park designating 682 acres of land for public protection in view of its historic and cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 1997, Congress amended the National Trails System Act to authorize and establish the Santa Fe National Historic Trail, extending from Old Franklin, Missouri, crossing Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado to Santa Fe, New Mexico as a component of the National Trails System to promote the preservation and public access to this historically significant national resource; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Glorieta Pass occurred along the Santa Fe Trail and proved to be the turning point during the Civil War in the Far West by preventing the Confederate acquisition of the Colorado and California gold fields and any further acquisitions west; and

WHEREAS, Glorieta Battlefield and the Santa Fe Trail are important to New Mexico and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Glorieta Battlefield is hallowed ground yet is not safe for general public visitation due to the presence of New Mexico Road 50, which bisects the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, addressing the future of New Mexico Road 50 is the key to opening the battlefield for public visitation and learning regarding the Santa Fe Trail and Civil War in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of Glorieta Battlefield could, within ten years, result in over three million dollars of additional tourism-related revenue each year and over 180 new jobs; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department and the Federal Highway Administration discontinued in 1996 its study of alternative alignments for New Mexico Road 50, citing primarily a lack of funds to undertake any such realignment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA FE COUNTY COMMISSION that the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, the National Park Service, and the Federal Highway Administration should cooperate to resume the study of alternative alignments for New Mexico Road 50 through Glorieta Battlefield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Park Service, with the assistance of the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department and the Federal Highway Administration, should seek funding for the aforementioned study from sources above and beyond the State's existing allocation of federal highway funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Mexico congressional delegation, the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, the National Park Service, and the Federal Highway Administration.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED, this 11th day of December 2001.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Paul D. Duran, Chairman



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Rebecca Bustamante, County Clerk



Approved as to Form:

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Steven Kopelman, County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO 1184 } SS 635  
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed  
for record on the 12 day of Dec A.D.  
20 01 at 1:15 o'clock P.M.  
and was duly recorded in book 2029  
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Santa Fe County  
Witness my Hand and Seal of Office  
Rebecca Bustamante  
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.  
*[Handwritten signature]*  
Deputy