

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2003- 48

**A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CIVIL WAR
BATTLE OF GLORIETA PASS AND PROCLAIMING
'BATTLE OF GLORIETA PASS DAYS'**

WHEREAS, on March 26, 1862, during the Civil War, the Union and Confederate forces clashed in the Battle of Glorieta Pass (the "Battle") which was fought at Apache Canyon; and

WHEREAS, between 9 and 37 soldiers, both Union and Confederate were killed during the first day of the Battle which took place approximately 1 mile east of Cañoncito, then the location of Johnson's Ranch; and

WHEREAS, on the following day of March 27, 1862, the Union and Confederate forces buried their dead and regrouped; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 1862, the main bodies of Union and Confederates reengaged at Pigeon's Ranch, approximately 1 mile east of the village of Glorieta, while another, smaller Union force fell upon and destroyed the Confederate wagon supply train at Johnson's Ranch; and

WHEREAS, the fighting on March 28 resulted in the deaths of approximately 94 soldiers killed in the fighting around Pigeon's Ranch, where the remains of 31 Confederate soldiers were found, 27 of whom remain buried there; and

WHEREAS, after the Union and Confederate forces buried their dead on March 29, 1862 following which the Confederate forces began their withdrawal to Santa Fe and the Union forces commenced their withdrawal toward Fort Union; and

WHEREAS, the Confederate forces reached Santa Fe at daybreak on March 30, 1862, a Sunday, where the wife of the Union Commander in New Mexico and the Bishop of New Mexico, among others, provided the Confederate soldiers with supplies, shelter and medical care; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 1862, the Confederate soldiers began to evacuate Santa Fe in the face of an advancing Union force from the south, beginning their long retreat from New Mexico to Texas; and

WHEREAS, because of the destruction of the Confederate wagon supply train the Battle of Glorieta Pass proved to be the turning point in the Civil War because the result was to prevent the Confederate force from capturing Fort Union and thereby continuing their campaign to acquire the Colorado and California Gold Fields as well as the Southwest between those points; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Glorieta Pass has not received the recognition for its historical significance for over 140 years; and

WHEREAS, it is important not to forget those on either side who gave their lives in the Battle of Glorieta Pass because they played a significant role in the shaping of our

Nation and the preservation of the freedoms that we all enjoy as citizens of the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners that the period from March 26, 2003 through April 7, 2003 shall be observed as 'Battle of Glorieta Pass Days' in order to memorialize the Battle of Glorieta Pass and its impact on the Santa Fe region, on New Mexico, and on the entire Southwest.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 25th day of March, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Jack Sullivan, Chairman





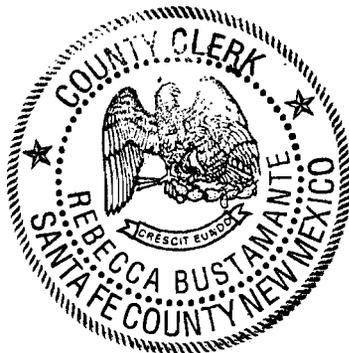
Rebecca Bustamante, County Clerk

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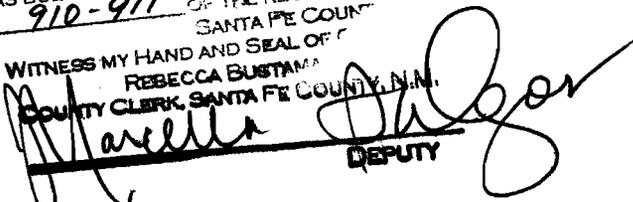


Steven Kopelman, County Attorney

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