

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION No. 2015- 71

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT LOCAL EFFORTS TO KEEP THE OLD SANTA FE TRAIL NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BUILDING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS A CULTURAL RESOURCE AND ULTIMATELY DESIGNATED AS EITHER A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OR A NATIONAL MONUMENT.

WHEREAS, the Old Santa Fe Trail Building located at 1100 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico was constructed in the late 1930's through the efforts of the Civilian Conservation Corps (the "CCC") and the Works Progress Administration (the "WPA"), two federal government organizations which offered meaningful employment and cultural uplift to millions during the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, the CCC and the WPA through their programs enabled New Mexico to have the ethnic diversity it has today; and

WHEREAS, from 1939 until 1995, this building served as the regional headquarters for the National Park Service and played an important role in the development of the National Park System which has been touted as "America's Best Idea"; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are 70 National Park Service employees who continue to work in the Old Santa Fe Trail Building; and

WHEREAS, this Old Santa Fe Trail Building is a masterpiece of Spanish-Pueblo Revival architecture and it reflects the natural vernacular of New Mexico and the Southwest; and

WHEREAS, the exterior of the building has been preserved by the National Park Service since 1939 and is virtually unchanged since its original design and construction; and

WHEREAS, the interior of this building was similarly designed to reflect that same vernacular as the exterior and houses a collection of historic furniture and artwork; and

WHEREAS, much of the furniture and artwork was produced by the artisans of the CCC and the WPA and the National Park Service through its mission to preserve the Old Santa Fe Trail Building, has protected and preserved these historic cultural artifacts; and

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WHEREAS, prior to the recent limitations on public access, exhibits, and interpretive programs, public activities in the Old Santa Fe Trail Building were an important part of Santa Fe's community life and development; and

WHEREAS, the area around the building, commonly known as Museum Hill, has evolved into a unique array of educational institutions. The current use of Museum Hill coincides with the public use of the Old Santa Fe Trail Building, presenting a potential for mutually beneficial federal, state, local, tribal, and private sector cooperation; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 the Old Santa Fe Trail Building was designated a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior, recognizing the building as historically significant to the nation; and

WHEREAS, we implore Congress to designate the Old Santa Fe Trail Building as a National Historic Site which honors the work of all of those throughout the nation who lent their talents and labor to the CCC and the WPA; and

WHEREAS, this story of our nation's history needs to be documented and celebrated while those who worked in the CCC and the WPA are still with us; and

WHEREAS, the designation of Old Santa Fe Trail Building will honor the memory of all the individuals and artist who participated in these important programs, leaving a historic legacy for the Nation to celebrate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County urges the Congress of the United States to designate the Old Santa Fe Trail Building as the "CCC and WPA Historic Site" or alternately the President of the United States to proclaim it the "CCC and WPA National Monument." This designation will preserve the story of all those who participated in the CCC and WPA, which have been critical to the preservation of the history of New Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Santa Fe County supports maintaining the 70 employees housed in the Old Santa Fe Trail Building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the New Mexico Congressional Delegation, the Governor of the State of New Mexico, the Santa Fe Legislative Delegation and the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 26th day May, 2015.



Robert A. Anaya, Chair

Attestation:

Geraldine Salazar
Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk



Approved to form:

Gregory S. Shaffer
Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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Geraldine Salazar
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM