

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 097**

Introduced by:  
Commissioner Rudy N. Garcia and Commissioner Anna T. Hamilton

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**A RESOLUTION  
RENAMING THE SANTA FE COUNTY EDGEWOOD FIRE STATION  
“THE CHIEF STAN HOLDEN EDGEWOOD FIRE STATION”  
IN HONOR OF THE LATE SANTA FE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF STAN HOLDEN AND  
TO RECOGNIZE HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO SANTA FE  
COUNTY**

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**WHEREAS**, Chief Stan Holden started his career in Fire Service as a member of the Valley Volunteer Fire Department in San Juan County, New Mexico as a sophomore at Kirtland Central High School where he was an outstanding athlete holding many of Kirtland High school sports records; and

**WHEREAS**, when reflecting on the beginning of his career as a volunteer firefighter, Chief Holden was quoted in the Santa Fe New Mexican as saying, “Because men in the area commuted to work at the power plants, high school students were trained and expected to staff the volunteer fire department during the day”; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Holden became one of the original Paramedics with the San Juan Medical Center Emergency Medical Services in 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Holden spent a number of years serving as a firefighter in the four corners region of New Mexico and furthered his emergency medical services (EMS) career at the Albuquerque Ambulance, serving as their Operations Director prior to joining the Santa Fe County team; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Holden was appointed as Santa Fe County’s first Fire Chief in 1997 when the Santa Fe County Fire Department (SFCFD) consisted of approximately three hundred (300) volunteer firefighters and only four (4) paid employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Holden unified fifteen (15) fire districts, operating demi-independently from Santa Fe County government; and

**WHEREAS**, during his administration, the County’s fire districts were united under the control of the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners and Fire Chief and the number of paid firefighters increased to eighty-eight (88) while volunteerism remained high; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Holden also took on the responsibility of facilitating the consolidation of the Regional Emergency Communication Center (RECC) which dispatches consists of Fire, Emergency Medical Services, Police, and Sheriff first responders for the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, and Town of Edgewood; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure, Chief Holden was recognized Regionally as Best Practice in creating a combination of fire departments; and

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**WHEREAS**, Chief Holden established Regional Fire Stations in Pojoaque, La Cienega, Hondo, and Edgewood and established the first 24/7 Paramedic Units for these stations; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Holden served the citizens of Santa Fe County for fourteen (14) years and retired from the SFCFD in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Holden passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Holden was a very religious and devoted man and was married to the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Elva, for forty (40) with whom he had four (4) children and fifteen (15) grandchildren whom he adored; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Holden was known as a humble man and outstanding mentor whose vision was always focused on team effort; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Holden inspired those around him to break barriers, expand perception, and reach for goals in life; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Holden stated that his favorite part of being Fire Chief was, "knowing that there were so many volunteers that were extremely dedicated and always trying to do their best"; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of Santa Fe County Combination Fire Department started with Chief Holden's vision, and twenty-five (25) years later he would be honored to see the succession come to fruition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby renames the Edgewood Main Fire Station at 1 Municipal Way in Edgewood as "The Chief Stan Holden Edgewood Fire Station."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Manager is hereby directed to place appropriate signage at the fire station reflecting its new name.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022.**

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By: Rudy Garcia Vice Chair  
for Anna T. Hamilton, Chair

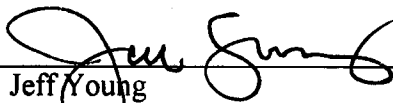
**ATTESTATION:**  
Katharine E. Clark  
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Santa Fe County Clerk



Date: 12/12/22

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Approved as to form:


  
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Jeff Young  
Santa Fe County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE            )  
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Katharine E. Clark

Deputy  \_\_\_\_\_ County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM



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