

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 013

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CAMINO REAL DE ADENTRO
INSCRIPTION ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST**

WHEREAS, the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (hereafter referred to as the Camino) is a 2,560-kilometer (1,600-mile) cultural route that originated in Mexico City and terminated at San Juan de los Caballeros, now known as Ohkay Owingeh, in present-day New Mexico, United States; and

WHEREAS, the Camino served as the primary artery of cultural, economic, religious, and administrative exchange between the core of New Spain and its northern frontier from the 16th through the 19th centuries; and

WHEREAS, the United Mexican States has successfully nominated and had listed fifty-five (55) properties along the southern three-quarters of the Camino – stretching from Mexico City to Valle de Allende in Chihuahua, Mexico – for inscription on the World Heritage List as the “Camino Real de Tierra Adentro”; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican nomination dossier recognizes that the northernmost segment of the Camino falls within the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States portion of the Camino includes a rich and distinct array of historic missions, churches, plazas, historic road segments, cultural landscapes, and settlements; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican nomination states that the representative sites within the United States “will be proposed as an extension of this property when the North American Government believes it convenient”; and

WHEREAS, the following properties in the United States are being considered for inclusion in the existing Camino Real de Tierra Adentro World Heritage designation;

1. San Elizario Historic District (Owners: City of San Elizario, El Paso Catholic Diocese)
2. La Purísima Socorro Mission (Owner: El Paso Catholic Diocese)
3. La Mesilla Plaza National Historic Landmark (Owners: Town of Mesilla, New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, Diocese of Las Cruces, private landowners)
4. Doña Ana Village Historic District (Owners: Village of Doña Ana, private landowners)
5. Jornada del Muerto Trail Segments, Parajes and Landmarks (Owners: U.S. Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Land Office)
6. Tomé Catholic Church and Tomé Hill Landmark (Owners: Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Village of Tomé)
7. Isleta Pueblo (*Spanish land titles assigned to Pueblo lands preserve large portions of Pueblo Indian property through the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo to the present, thus contributing to the pueblo’s significant features; the same is true for 14 below.*) (Owner: Sovereign Nation of Isleta)

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8. Albuquerque Old Town Plaza and San Felipe de Neri Church (Owners: City of Albuquerque & Catholic Archdiocese of Santa Fe).
9. Village of La Bajada and La Bajada Road System District (Owners: Village of La Bajada; U.S. Bureau of Land Management; U.S. Forest Service)
10. El Rancho de las Golondrinas (Owner: El Rancho de las Golondrinas Inc., a non-profit organization)
11. Palace of the Governors and adjacent plaza (Owners: New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs; City of Santa Fe)
12. Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi (Owner: Catholic Archdiocese of Santa Fe)
13. San Miguel Chapel (Owner: St. Michael's High School)
14. Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo (Owner: Sovereign Nation of Ohkay Owingeh)
15. Los Luceros Historic Site (Owner: New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs); and

WHEREAS, several of these sites, including the Village of La Bajada and associated road segments, El Rancho de las Golondrinas, the Palace of the Governors, the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, and San Miguel Chapel, are located within Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Nomination Task Force has submitted an application to the United States Department of the Interior for inclusion of these sites on the U.S. World Heritage Tentative List; and

WHEREAS, the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Nomination Task Force is requesting two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the preparation of the dossier (nomination form) that includes:

- Research
- Documentation
- Community meetings, and
- Coordinating nomination with Mexico partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners hereby supports the efforts of the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Nomination Task Force to pursue inclusion of the identified United States properties as an extension of the existing World Heritage designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager is directed to transmit this Resolution to the appropriate federal, state, tribal, and local agencies, as well as the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Nomination Task Force.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 27th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

**SANTA FE COUNTY
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By: _____

Justin S. Greene, Chair

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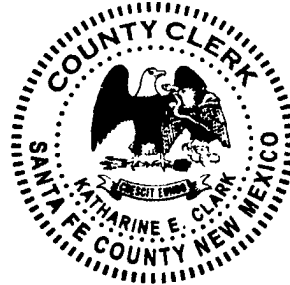
Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 1/29/2026

Approved as to form:

Peter Valencia for

Walker Boyd
Santa Fe County Attorney



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Katharine E. Clark
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

Deputy _____



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