



Santa Fe County Proclamation

PROCLAIMING JULY 26TH 2020 AS ADA AWARENESS DAY IN CELEBRATION, RECOGNITION AND HONOR OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

WHEREAS, the American Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed 30 years ago on July 26, 1990, to ensure the civil rights for citizens with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the ADA established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the ADA, with roots in the 504 Sit-In of April 1977 and the 1964 Civil Rights Act, is the product of years of effort, struggle, and sacrifice and its passage is a monumental victory won by Americans, who in the words of President Obama, “refused to accept the world as it was and – against great odds – organized a grassroots movement to enshrine the principle of equality into law”; and

WHEREAS, the ADA is not only a comprehensive civil rights law but one of human rights, mandating fairness, opportunity, and inclusion of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County affirms the principals of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities as embodied in the ADA, the laws of the State of New Mexico, and local government policies, ordinances and resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”), with the passage of Resolution 2017-139, instituted the following policy statement: “It is the policy of the Santa Fe County not to discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its service, programs, or activities”; and

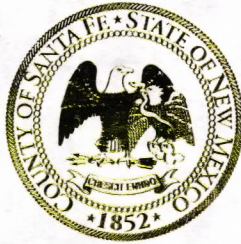
WHEREAS, in 2018 Santa Fe County developed an ADA Transition Plan which included an ADA assessment of all County facilities and a plan for ADA improvements over a twenty year planning period, including improvements to roads, parks and open spaces, and buildings and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County received \$2 million in revenue bonds to implement its ADA Transition Plan; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations in Santa Fe County and the state of New Mexico work with constituents and communities, including the New Mexico Center for Therapeutic Riding, to bring forth the promise of hope and freedom that is envisioned by the passage of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, disability touches us all and living up to the principles of the ADA is an obligation we all share as every person deserves equal access, equal opportunity, and equal respect; and

WHEREAS, the Board encourages all citizens to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this civil rights law and the many contributions of individuals with disabilities; and

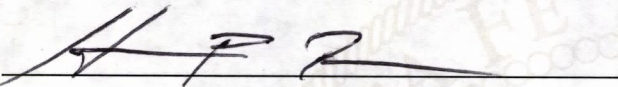


WHEREAS, on the 30th anniversary of the ADA, we collectively celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made, and acknowledge there is more work to be done to make our country still stronger and more inclusive for everyone.

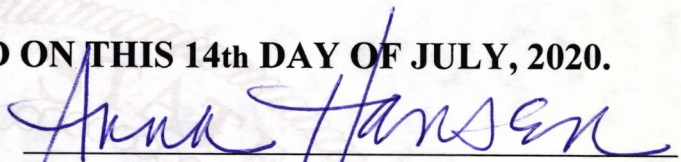
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 26TH OF JULY 2020, IN CELEBRATION, RECOGNITION AND HONOR OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AS:

“ADA AWARENESS DAY”

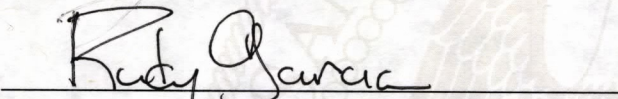
APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 14th DAY OF JULY, 2020.



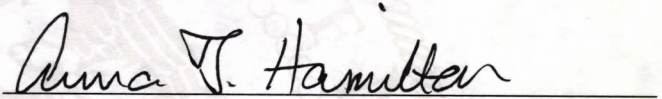
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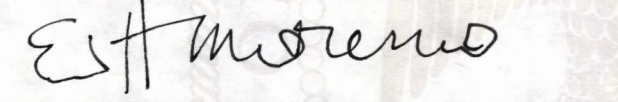
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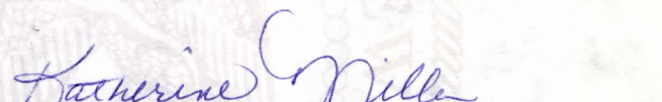
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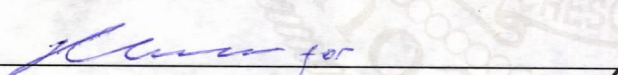


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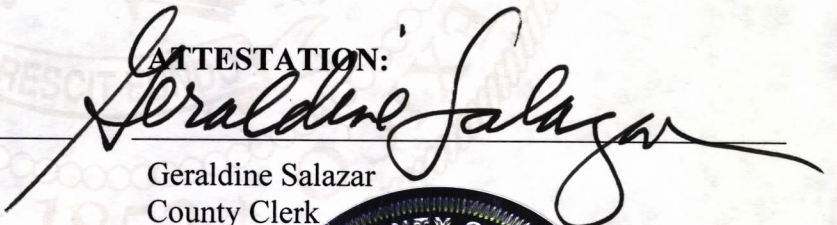
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