

Santa Fe County Proclamation

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 21, 2024, AS “SERENE MOUNTAIN DAY AT THE UPAYA CENTER”

Introduced by: Commissioner Anna Hansen

WHEREAS, in 1973, the Bodhi Stupa was built on the land that is now known as the Upaya Center by Dodrup chen Rinpoche. In 1974, his Eminence Kalu Rinpoche blessed this land and offered refuge. The Bodhi Stupa was consecrated by His Holiness Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche in 1975. Tulku Thinley Norbu Rinpoche and His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche blessed the stupa and land in the following years; all are great masters of the Tibetan Vajayana School, which created an environment for awareness to grow and develop; and

WHEREAS, the Upaya Center is a place of practice and is an educational center dedicated to the development of the relationship between traditional and compassionate engagement with our world, which was established in 1990; and

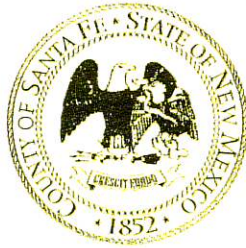
WHEREAS, the Upaya Center is a global community for those working to create racial, economic, and environmental justice, compassionate care for the most vulnerable, and a place of committed, daily contemplative practice and learning through its retreats, trainings, programs, free Dharma podcasts, and community services; and

WHEREAS, Upaya realizes its vision by being a refuge to the many who come through its temple doors and offering mature programs – traditional, experimental, and systems-based – that meet the needs of people, society, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Upaya’s Socially Engaged activism links contemplative practice with social and environmental action, including addressing issues related to structural violence. It also engages in direct service to vulnerable populations, including dying people, the incarcerated, the homeless, refugees, and those who are materially impoverished; and

WHEREAS, Upaya’s residents engage in bearing witness practice and service to hundreds of people experiencing or at risk for homelessness, often sharing healthy home-cooked meals at the Interfaith Shelter (Pete’s Place) and the St. Elizabeth Men’s Shelter; and

WHEREAS, Upaya’s Prison Project helps inmates cultivate wholesome and prosocial changes of mind and behavior to facilitate a more positive experience during incarceration and a successful re-entry into society; and



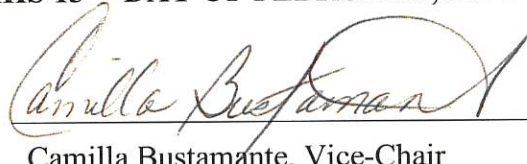
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 21ST OF FEBRUARY, AS:

“Serene Mountain Day at the Upaya Center”

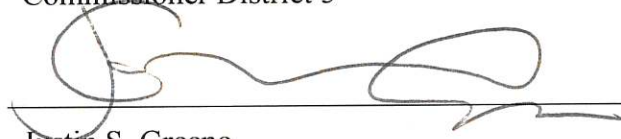
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.



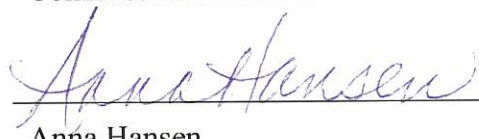
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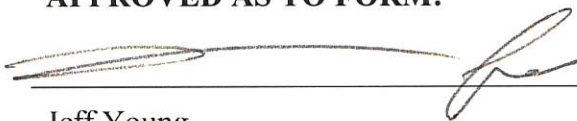


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