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A MEMORIAL

OUTLINING THE HISTORY OF AGUA FRIA VILLAGE IN SANTA FE COUNTY
AND REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF STATE AGENCIES IN DETERMINING
IF A MUSEUM IS JUSTIFIED IN DOCUMENTING THE HISTORY.

WHEREAS, the Agua Fria village area has been known as
Pueblo Quemado, Pindi Pueblo and Cieneguitas, and is generally
considered to be the area from arroyo de los frijoles on the
north to arroyo de los chamisos on the south and from the villa
de Santa Fe league on the east to the Cieneguilla land grant on
the west; and

WHEREAS, this area has had human habitation on its fertile
Santa Fe river alluvial plains since at least seven thousand
years before the common era; and

WHEREAS, the native peoples may have graded the land to
create an irrigation system, and the first Europeans recognized

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1 the area's potential for agriculture; and

2 WHEREAS, archaeological digs done under Agua Fria road in
3 2009 for sewer extensions have indicated that two prehistoric
4 settlements under the Pindi Pueblo site may date back to three
5 thousand years before the common era; and

6 WHEREAS, el camino real de tierra adentro, also known as
7 the royal road to the interior lands, brought the first
8 expeditions to New Mexico, and, beginning in 1598, the first
9 colonists under Juan de Onate; and

10 WHEREAS, el camino real de tierra adentro was an artery of
11 commerce and travel, joining Spain's colonial capital at Mexico
12 City to the northern frontier of Santa Fe and spanning one
13 thousand six hundred miles; and

14 WHEREAS, a number of Native American routes ran along el
15 camino real de tierra adentro from the Aztec empire in Mexico
16 to the turquoise mines in los Cerrillos; and

17 WHEREAS, earlier Native American trading routes ran from
18 Mexico City to the pueblos of the valle de Rio Grande, then on
19 to Chaco canyon and California; and

20 WHEREAS, el camino real de tierra adentro is recognized by
21 the federal government as a national historic trail; and

22 WHEREAS, el camino real de tierra adentro has
23 international significance and is recognized throughout the
24 United States, Mexico and Central and South American countries
25 where other caminos reales exist; and

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1 WHEREAS, the original route of el camino real de tierra
2 adentro runs through the heart of the traditional village of
3 Agua Fria, on the present-day streets of Agua Fria road and
4 junta del alamo, just past the ojos de San Isidro; and

5 WHEREAS, the actual name of "Agua Fria" is undocumented
6 but residents speculate that it is from weary travelers
7 splashing their faces with cold water from the Santa Fe river,
8 the first mountain stream they would have encountered on their
9 journey from the south; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1776, Fray Francisco Atanacio Dominguez gave a
11 census count to his superiors listing Agua Fria with fifty-
12 seven families and two hundred ninety-seven people; and

13 WHEREAS, trade and travel on el camino real de tierra
14 adentro shaped individual lives and the traditional historic
15 community of Agua Fria and greatly affected its settlement and
16 development as a farming community; and

17 WHEREAS, under the American occupation declared in Santa
18 Fe on August 19, 1846, United States Army brigadier general
19 Stephen Watts Kearney and other soldiers used el camino real de
20 tierra adentro through Agua Fria village; and

21 WHEREAS, San Isidro Catholic church was constructed along
22 the road in 1835 and schoolhouses were constructed along the
23 road in the 1890s; and

24 WHEREAS, the Charles M. Probst remount station, situated
25 in present day lugar de Padilla, was a stagecoach resting place

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1 and inn along el camino real de tierra adentro before its
2 entrance into Santa Fe; and

3 WHEREAS, delegations from Native American tribes visiting
4 the federal government offices in Santa Fe camped in the Agua
5 Fria area; and

6 WHEREAS, in a 2012 proclamation, the Santa Fe county board
7 of county commissioners recognized Agua Fria road through the
8 historic village of Agua Fria as the original route of el
9 camino real de tierra adentro and acknowledged the route's
10 significant impact on the development of Agua Fria village and
11 the surrounding areas; and

12 WHEREAS, starting in 2013, the residents of Agua Fria
13 village conducted a series of oral history interviews of the
14 elders for the New Mexico historical records advisory board;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, an Agua Fria gateway monument was completed in
17 2015 with design assistance from the national park service and
18 the support of Santa Fe county; and

19 WHEREAS, the gateway monument is constructed with mud-
20 plastered adobes made by the residents and a photo display of
21 historic photographs; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2016, the residents of Agua Fria village
23 developed an exhibit of photographs, stories and antique farm
24 equipment on display at the historic Santa Fe foundation's el
25 Zagan gallery; and

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1 WHEREAS, a historic structures and places survey was
2 completed by Agua Fria residents and the national park service,
3 based on the New Mexico historic preservation division's 1983
4 study;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the economic
7 development department and the cultural affairs department be
8 requested to study the possibility and economic benefits of
9 creating a museum commemorating the history of el camino real
10 de tierra adentro in the Agua Fria village area; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the economic development
12 department and the cultural affairs department be requested to
13 meet with or otherwise involve representatives of the city of
14 Santa Fe, the national park service, residents of Agua Fria
15 village and other interested parties; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the economic development
17 department and the cultural affairs department report
18 recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative
19 committee by August 1, 2018; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the secretary of economic development, the
22 secretary of cultural affairs and the president of the Agua
23 Fria village association.