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RECOGNIZING AND HONORING FORMER MAYORS OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, ELFEGO ALBERT "FRIGGIE" CAMPOS, ELEUTERIO "LAUTE" MIGUEL LUCERO AND JOSE ALCARIO MARTINEZ, A GENERATION OF GUADALUPE COUNTY LEADERS.

WHEREAS, Elfego Albert "Friggie" Campos, Eleuterio "Laute" Miguel Lucero and Jose Alcario Martinez are highly esteemed former mayors of Santa Rosa, New Mexico, all from Guadalupe county and all of whom died in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Elfego Albert "Friggie" Campos was a unique kind of servant leader who made sure the highest needs of others were met; and

WHEREAS, Elfego instilled a strong work ethic and integrity in others; and

WHEREAS, Elfego had a thirty-five-year restaurant career

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1 and started La Fiesta cafe with his uncle, Jose Campos, Sr., as
2 well as Lettie's restaurant, named after his daughter, and the
3 Adobe restaurant; and

4 WHEREAS, Elfego served as a medic during the Korean
5 conflict; and

6 WHEREAS, as a city councilor and mayor of Santa Rosa,
7 Elfego wanted the city always to thrive and wanted the credit
8 for progress to belong to the residents; and

9 WHEREAS, Elfego undertook projects and served on
10 committees that would benefit the community, such as attracting
11 the travel centers of America and the Santa Rosa apartments,
12 improving the San Jose cemetery and providing oversight as a
13 member of the Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic church parish
14 council; and

15 WHEREAS, through his actions, Elfego taught his family and
16 others about ethical responsive government, working with
17 honesty and integrity, giving back to the community and paying
18 it forward; and

19 WHEREAS, Eleuterio "Laute" Miguel Lucero, a lifelong
20 Democrat, came from a respected political family, and Laute's
21 stepfather, Joe Baca, was the grandson of the founder of Santa
22 Rosa, New Mexico; and

23 WHEREAS, Laute served in World War II and returned to
24 Santa Rosa after the war to embark on a long business and
25 service career; and

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1 WHEREAS, Laute served as post commander of the local
2 American legion, as a city councilman and as mayor of Santa
3 Rosa for several terms, and he was always ready and willing
4 when any call for assistance came; and

5 WHEREAS, Laute and his wife, Florence, started their
6 careers in the clothing business with Lee's in Santa Rosa in
7 1948, and they moved to Santa Fe when Lee's opened a store
8 there and, in 1955, returned to Santa Rosa and purchased Town
9 and Country clothes; and

10 WHEREAS, the Luceros closed Town and Country clothes in
11 2002 and began enjoying a well-earned retirement; and

12 WHEREAS, Jose Alcario Martinez, known by Alcario, came
13 from a long line of distinguished public servants, and his
14 grandfather, Salomé, was one of the four delegates from
15 Guadalupe county to the constitutional convention of 1910; and

16 WHEREAS, after serving in the military in World War II,
17 Alcario returned to New Mexico and began a long and
18 distinguished career in education with the Santa Rosa
19 consolidated school district, and he retired in June 1984 after
20 a career that spanned four decades; and

21 WHEREAS, Alcario was also involved in politics and served
22 on the Santa Rosa, New Mexico, city council and as mayor of
23 Santa Rosa; and

24 WHEREAS, Alcario was always very active in his hometown of
25 La Pintada and was a living history of the entire area; and

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