

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-29**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Ortiz
6 Councilor Trujillo
7 Councilor Chavez
8 Councilor Dominguez
9 Councilor Calvert

10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **ENDORISING THE REQUEST OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PECOS HISTORICAL PARK**
12 **TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ISSUE A COMMEMORATIVE STAMP**
13 **HONORING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF**
14 **GLORIETA PASS AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BATTLE OF**
15 **GLORIETA PASS.**

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17 **WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Pecos Historical Park ("Friends") is a 501(C)(3) non-profit
18 organization dedicated to supporting and assisting in the management programs and objectives of the
19 National Park Service at the Pecos Historical Park ("Park") for which no government or other donated
20 funds are available; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the year 2012 will be the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Battle of Glorieta
22 Pass that occurred at the Park; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in honor of the sesquicentennial anniversary, the Friends are requesting that the
24 United States Postal Service issue a commemorative stamp recognizing the Battle of Glorieta Pass,
25 the most significant Civil War battle in the far West; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Glorieta Pass was a strategic location, situated at the southern tip of the Sangre
2 de Cristo Mountains, southeast of Santa Fe, and on the Santa Fe Trail; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Texas confederate forces were met in a skirmish and fought two battles with
4 the Union forces at Glorieta Pass from March 26 to 28, 1862; and

5 **WHEREAS**, even though the confederate forces were victorious in these two battles, they
6 were forced to abandon their dream of taking over Fort Union and conquering the west when their
7 supply of sixty to eighty wagons, loaded with weapons, medical supplies, food and blankets, was
8 burned and 400 mules and horses were captured by a contingent of United States regular army forces
9 from Fort Union and volunteers from Colorado and New Mexico; and

10 **WHEREAS**, after this tremendous loss, the confederate Texans had no other choice but to
11 abandon General Henry Hopkins Sibley's dream and retreat back to Santa Fe, then Albuquerque and
12 eventually out of New Mexico and back to Texas; and

13 **WHEREAS**, this turning point in the confederate campaign in New Mexico, the "Battle of
14 Glorieta Pass", is referred to by some historians as "The Gettysburg of the West"; and

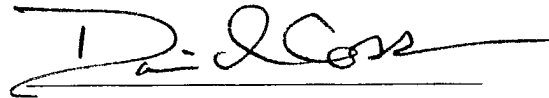
15 **WHEREAS**, although the loss of men killed, wounded or missing in the Civil War battles
16 fought in New Mexico may seem insignificant compared to the carnage of the Civil War battles that
17 were fought in the east and south, the importance and significance of this battle cannot be overstated,
18 as the ultimate outcome helped hold the union together and assured its survival in what we now know
19 as the United States of America.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
21 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby endorses the request of the Friends of the
22 Pecos Historical Park to the United States Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp honoring
23 the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Battle of Glorieta Pass and recognizes the importance of the
24 Battle of Glorieta Pass.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that staff is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to

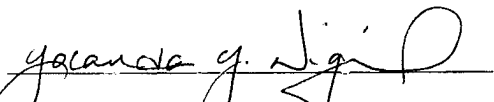
1 the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
2 President of the United States Senate, members of New Mexico's congressional delegation, the
3 secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and the Friends of the Pecos National
4 Historical Park.

5 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2011.

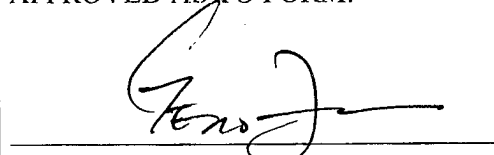
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8 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

9 ATTEST:

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12 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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16 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY