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## **RESOLUTION NO. 1615.10A**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO REINFORCING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO PRESERVE, ENHANCE AND PROMOTE THE EL PASO MISSION TRAIL AND TO WORK WITH AREA MUNICIPALITIES AND THE COUNTY OF EL PASO TO COLLABORATE ON CONSISTENT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS.

- WHEREAS, the El Paso Mission Trail encompasses a nine-mile corridor that includes the El Paso Mission Trail Historic District, links three culturally rich landmarks listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the San Elizario Cultural Arts District; and is one of El Paso County's most historic treasures; and,
- WHEREAS, the Trail connects the oldest continuously active parish in the United States, La Misión de Corpus Christi de San Antonio de la Ysleta del Sur, established in 1682 by the Tigua Indians; Nuestra Señora de la Concepción del Socorro, established in 1691 and is the second oldest mission in Texas; and the Presidio Chapel of San Elizario, built in 1877 on the site of an old Spanish presidio; and,
- WHEREAS, the Trail includes a segment of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail or, "El Camino Real," a major route for trade and commerce which extended from Mexico City to the San Juan Pueblo in Ohkay Owingeh, New Mexico, and is the oldest and once the longest road in North America; and,
- WHEREAS, the corridor and the missions represent the rich history of their respective communities, as well as the history of the nations of Spain, Mexico, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and the United States; and,
- WHEREAS, for decades, numerous plans have been developed and proposed for enhancing the Trail, demonstrating the long-standing interest by all jurisdictions and stakeholders in creating a unified effort and desire to work toward a single vision; and,

**WHEREAS,** participating entities understand the importance of working together to preserve, enhance and promote the cherished Mission Trail and via this resolution pledge to:

- Participate in a collaborative effort toward a common vision;
- Make available the appropriate staff to participate in stakeholder meetings and workshops regarding planning, funding, zoning, infrastructure and other areas requiring collaboration and commitment as identified;
- Ensure that staff keeps their respective governing body informed on progress and next steps via their designated staff;
- Assist in evaluating and identifying funding sources and revenue streams;
- Support a feasibility and economic impact study (and possibly a Master Plan) as recommended by the National Park Conservation Association;
- Identify ways to maintain any investments made going forward.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City of San Elizario pledges to support this initiative and will play a meaningful role in the collaborative effort to preserve, enhance and promote the El Paso Mission Trail.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this, the  $12^{th}$  day of  $10^{th}$  day of  $10^{th$ 

CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS

Maya Sanchez, Mayor

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