

**TOWN OF EDGEWOOD
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-14**

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE STATE WIDE CELEBRATION OF ROUTE 66 in 2019 CALLED;

“2019 NEW MEXICO SUMMER OF ROUTE 66 CELEBRATION”

**IN CONJUNCTION WITH MORIARTY, NEW MEXICO'S
66TH BIRTHDAY ON ROUTE 66 CALLED; *“SIXTY SIX ON 66”***

WHEREAS, US Route 66 was commissioned in 1926 and decommissioned in 1985. Its 2,451 miles traveled through eight states from Chicago Illinois to Santa Monica California; and

WHEREAS, there are 535 miles of Historic US Route 66 in the State of New Mexico including both the pre and post 1937 re-alignment; which is more miles than in any other state along the route; and

WHEREAS, The National Scenic Byway Program, New Mexico Corridor Management Plan (CMP) of 2009 cited that Route 66's, “contribution to our nation's history will last forever. Route 66 is the warp and weft of the fabric of our people's story”; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's portion of Route 66 was designated as a National Scenic Byway on June 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the World Monuments Fund in conjunction with the National Park Service's Rutgers University Route 66 Economic Impact Study of June 2011 (funded by American Express) found that preserving Route 66 is a good investment with its significant returns on employment, economic development and Gross Receipts Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Route 66 Corridor Special Resources Study Act of 1990 stated that “Route 66 is of national historical significance as a symbol of our transportation history. And therefore, “The Secretary of Interior shall assist in the preservation of the Route 66 corridor in a manner that is consistent with the idiosyncratic nature of the Route 66 corridor”. In response to this Act the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program was created which has benefitted many New Mexico communities; and

WHEREAS, the former President of the New Mexico Route 66 Association, Vickie Ashcraft, states in the New Mexico Corridor Management Plan of 2009, “The coming ten years promises to continue the desire of scenic byway communities to create an even higher standard of authentic experiences, marketing, visitor amenities, beautification, development guidance, and partnerships between all the communities and agencies within the corridor”; and

WHEREAS, in Governor Richardson's 30 June 2006 Proclamation stated, “Route 66 has recently seen a resurgence in economic activity and a renewal of nostalgia for the romance of the road and the unique era of our history that it represents”; and

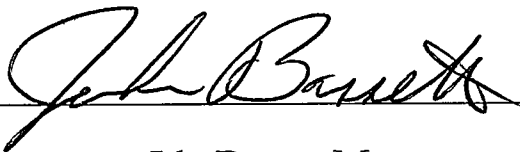
WHEREAS, This event is an opportunity for communities, pueblos, villages, towns, cities, agencies, clubs, Chambers and businesses to partner in celebrating New Mexico's Heritage, Culture, History and Enchantment along the 535 miles of New Mexico's Mother Road; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body as follows:

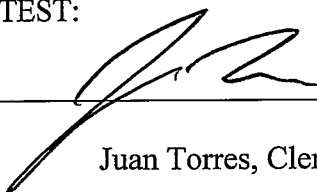
1. Will support the Celebration and participate in a manner that promotes success for the supporters, stakeholders, attendees, community and State of New Mexico; and
2. Shall assign a Point Person to contact for matters relating to the "2019 New Mexico Summer of Route 66 Celebration"; and
3. Shall assign committee members for each element of the event; and
4. Shall create new or expand existing events, activities, attractions, car shows, flea markets, parades, celebrations, holidays, adventures, contest, games, races or sight-doing activities to bring attention to New Mexico's Route 66 during the summer of 2019.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED THIS 24th DAY OF AUGUST 2016.

THE GOVERNING BODY,

By: 
John Bassett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Juan Torres, Clerk/Treasurer

