



# Doña Ana County



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**JULIA T. BROWN, Esq.**  
Doña Ana County Manager

Department of the Interior  
Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs  
Attn: Office of Federal Acknowledgment  
1951 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

March 24, 2016

Dear Assistant Secretary –

At the March 22 regular meeting of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners, a resolution (attached) was approved by a vote of 3-2. The resolution supports the petition for federal recognition by the Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe of the Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe, based in Las Cruces, N.M.

This matter has been in process since 1971, and the Tribe holds the position of being Petitioner #5 in the acknowledgment process.

Please consider the majority support of and by the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners as this matter moves forward toward final resolution.

Sincerely –

Julia T. Brown, Esq.  
Doña Ana County Manager

Cc: New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez	Sen. Tom Udall
Sen. Martin Heinrich	Rep. Steve Pearce
Rep. Michelle Grisham	Rep. Ben Lujan
State Sen. Mary Kay Papan	State Rep. Jeff Steinborn
State Rep. Terry McMillan	Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima
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**RESOLUTION 2016 - 29**

**SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF THE  
PIRO/MANSO/TIWA INDIAN TRIBE,  
PUEBLO OF SAN JUAN de GUADALUPE**

**WHEREAS**, respect for diversity and celebration of our multi-cultural heritage is essential to the quality of life for all residents of Doña Ana County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe, Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe, (henceforth "Tribe"), are descendants of native peoples who lived in what was to become southern New Mexico and the vicinity of El Paso, Texas, prior to and after Spanish incursion into the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe was living on land that would become part of the Town of Las Cruces when it was established in 1849, and a significant percentage of tribal members still live within a few blocks of the old Tribal community and cacique's plaza near downtown Las Cruces, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe's current Cacique, Ed Roybal, Sr., was born on historic property which originally belonged to his grandfather, Felipe Roybal, who was the Tribe's Cacique at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe actively maintains its cultural traditions and partners with local organizations to promote awareness and appreciation of Tribal history; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe first submitted a letter to the Department of the Interior in 1971 requesting federal recognition as an Indian tribe, and they hold the distinction of being Petitioner #5 in the acknowledgement process; and

**WHEREAS**, as Petitioner #5, the Tribe has recently submitted substantial documentation of their history, genealogy, political and religious leaders, and other kinds of evidence, and is now ready for Active Consideration by the Office of Federal Acknowledgment in accordance with 25 CFR 83, and

**WHEREAS**, recognition of the Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe, Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe – with the accompanying federal services and benefits – is wholly appropriate and due;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

(I)

That the Doña Ana County Board of County Commissioners supports the petition of the Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe of the Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe, (Petitioner #5) to achieve their long sought federal recognition and to be officially known as an extant Indian tribe.

(II)

That letters of support be sent on or before Thursday, March 24, 2016, to appropriate state and federal officials, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the following address:

Department of the Interior  
Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs  
Attn: Office of Federal Acknowledgment  
1951 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

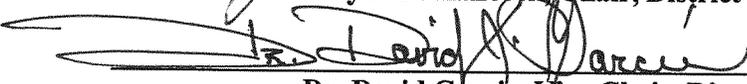
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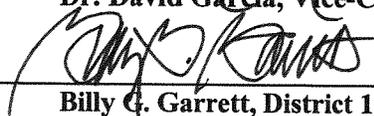
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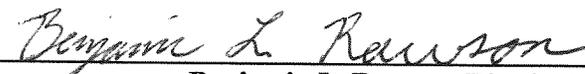
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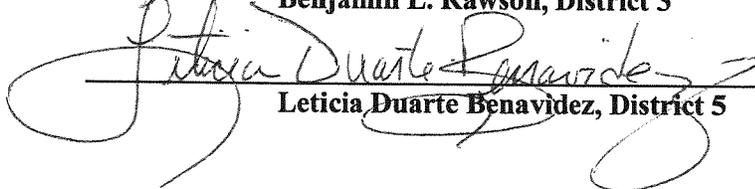
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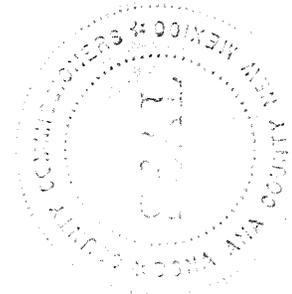
  
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**ATTEST:**

  
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 County Clerk





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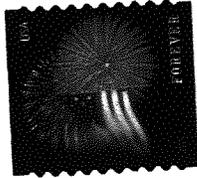
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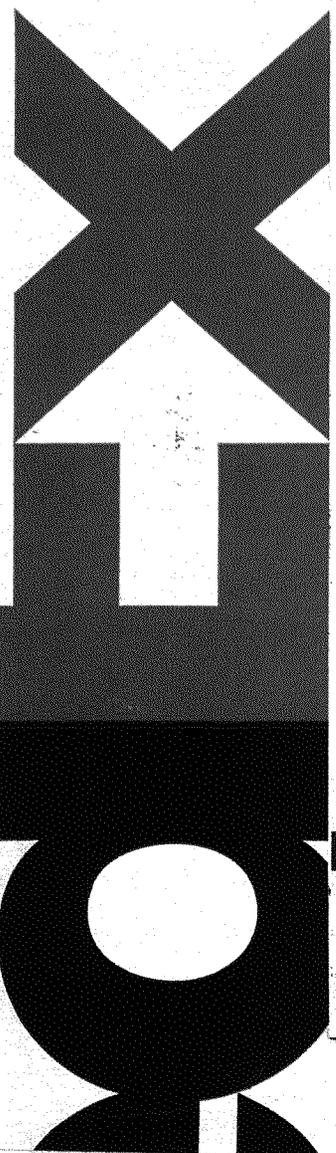
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