



**Colfax County**  
*New Mexico*

**PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECEMBER 6, 2023, AS  
"MINERS HERITAGE DAY" THROUGHOUT COLFAX COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, IN 2023, CONGRESS PROCLAIMED DECEMBER 6TH AS NATIONAL MINERS DAY; AND

**WHEREAS** MINERS AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE PROVIDED AND SACRIFICED SO MUCH FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THEIR FELLOW AMERICANS; AND

**WHEREAS** "IN APPRECIATION, HONOR, AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SACRIFICES OF THE MINERS OF OUR NATION"; AND

**WHEREAS** NEW MEXICO MINERS EXTRACT MATERIALS WE USE EVERY DAY SUCH AS COAL, COPPER, PHOSPATE, SILVER, LIMESTONE, IRON, ZINC; AND

**WHEREAS** MINERS PRODUCE GRAVEL, CRUSHED STONE, TAR ASPHALT, ROAD SALT AND CEMENT THAT BUILD THE ROADWAYS IN WHICH WE TRAVEL; AND

**WHEREAS** MINERS RISK THEIR OWN LIVES AND SAFETY TO PROVIDE ENERGY RESOURCES AND RAW MATERIALS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO A GROWING ECONOMY; AND

**WHEREAS** NEW MEXICO REMAINS A LEADING MINERAL PRODUCER IN THE UNITED STATES; AND

**WHEREAS** THE MINING INDUSTRY EMPLOYS OVER 7,000 NEW MEXICANS; AND

**WHEREAS**, MINING HAS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN NEW MEXICO SINCE THE 1800'S; AND

**WHEREAS** ON "NATIONAL MINERS DAY" WE HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SACRIFICES TO OUR NATION.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, WE, COMMISSIONERS OF COLFAX COUNTY OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM DECEMBER 6TH, 2023 AS "MINERS HERITAGE DAY" THROUGHOUT COLFAX COUNTY

Approved in open meeting this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2023.

**COLFAX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Si Trujillo*  
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Si Trujillo, CHAIRMAN

Mary Lou Kern - Via Electronic Device  
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Mary Lou Kern, VICE-CHAIR

Bret Wier - Via Electronic Device  
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Bret Wier, Member

ATTEST:  
*Rayetta M. Trujillo*  
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Rayetta M. Trujillo, CLERK OF THE BOARD