



**VALENCIA COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**RESOLUTION No 2018- 67**

ESTABLISHING THE RYAN THOMAS MEMORIAL SAFETY CORRIDOR ON MANZANO EXPRESSWAY

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Valencia County Administration Building 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and,

**WHEREAS**, as a Valencia County Deputy Ryan Thomas was dedicated to the protection of the inhabitants of Valencia County; and,

**WHEREAS**, as a Navy veteran and a member of the 150th Security Forces Air National Guard he was dedicated to the service of his Country; and,

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Thomas exemplified honor and duty as a loving family man, married to his wife Joyce, with two children Alissa & Maximus; and,

**WHEREAS**, on December 6, 2016 Deputy Thomas was in an on duty accident on Manzano Expressway; and,

**WHEREAS**, on December 6, 2016 will be memorialized as Deputy Thomas' end of watch; and,

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Thomas' end of watch memorial is located 1.3 miles from the intersection of DE HAAN Loop West and Manzano Expressway; and,

**WHEREAS**, the tragedy is an ever-present reminder of the dangers of law enforcement and the continued need to improve safety on our streets and highways; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 4-38-1 (1884) the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a board of county commissioners; and,

**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-13 (1953) provides that board of county commissioners shall have power at any session to make such orders concerning the property belonging to the county as they may deem expedient; and,

**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 *et seq.* provides that counties may adopt those resolutions and ordinances, not inconsistent with statutory or constitutional limitations placed on


counties, to discharge those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the county and its inhabitants; and,

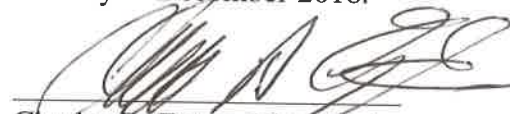
**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Section 62-2-1 (1905) declares that “[a]ll roads and highways, except private roads, established in pursuance of any law of New Mexico, and roads dedicated to public use, that have not been vacated or abandoned, and such other roads as are recognized and maintained by the corporate authorities of any county in New Mexico, are hereby declared to be public highways;” and,


**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Section 62-2-2 (1905) requires that “[a]ll public highways, except such as are owned and operated by private corporations, and highways within the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town, shall be maintained and kept in repair by the respective counties in which they are located.;


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners that the portion of Manzano Expressway 1 mile South of and 1 mile North of the Deputy Ryan Thomas Memorial is hereby declared to be and established as the Deputy Ryan Thomas Memorial Safety Corridor.

**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED** on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.


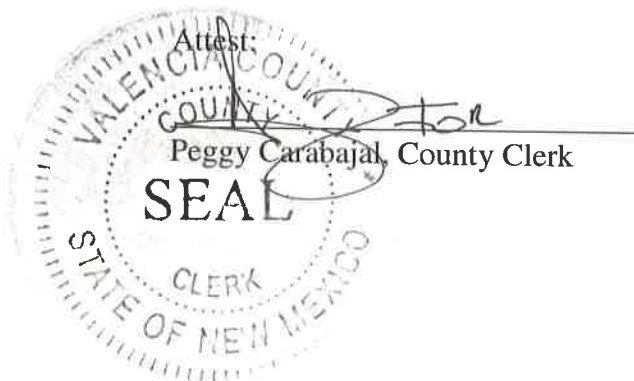
  
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Loving Husband

**DEPUTY RYAN THOMAS**

Loving and Dedicated Father



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