

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-1347

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAYOR BILL STANDLEY FOR HIS EXCELLENT AND DEDICATED SERVICE AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON FROM 1998 TO 2010

WHEREAS, William E. (Bill) Standley was first elected as mayor in March of 1998 and immediately immersed himself into the business of the City, serving the City as a "full-time" mayor with regular office hours and an "open door" policy for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Standley was re-elected in 2002 and 2006, serving as Mayor for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Standley provided leadership during a period of great growth for the City where he and the Council authorized, funded and guided a number of city facility construction projects, including:

- construction of the new Farmington Sports Complex
- construction of a disabled accessible fishing pier at Farmington Lake
- remodel and expansion of Ricketts (Baseball) Park
- upgrade of the Merriam Taylor Theater at the Civic Center
- construction of the new (award-winning) Farmington Public Library
- construction of a new inebriate overnight shelter (the Roof)
- expansion and remodel of the Municipal Operations Center (MOC)
- construction of the new Fire Station No. 6
- remodel of the restaurant facilities at the Four Corners Regional Airport
- construction of the Sycamore Park Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Standley believed in planning for the future of the City as shown by his personal involvement in establishing an open and citizen-friendly process that resulted in the adoption by the Council of a new comprehensive plan for the City, "Framing the Future-2020"; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor supported an expansion and improvement of the City's street and road system and, together with the Council, authorized and funded the College Boulevard/Sandalwood expansion project, the widening and improvement of Southside River Road, widening and sidewalks on West Apache Street, the Hutton Avenue/Main Street intersection improvements and various other street improvement and extension projects; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Standley worked very hard to establish and maintain good relations with neighboring cities, counties and tribal governments, serving on the Board of Directors and President of the New Mexico Municipal League, worked with San Juan County and the cities of Bloomfield and Aztec on a number of city/county projects and programs, and built a strong relationship with the Navajo Nation and his good friend Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Standley worked tirelessly to address the problem of homeless inebriates living within Farmington; formed the Public Inebriate Response Task Force; oversaw the opening of a wet shelter, the Roof; and was one of the original individuals who formed the innovative traditional methods alcohol treatment facility, Totah Behavioral Health; and

WHEREAS, during Mayor Standley's mayoral service, in response to a community need for public transportation, the City established the Red Apple Transit bus system, which became the fastest growing public transit system in the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, "Mr. Mayor" Bill Standley's administration has also seen the City's utilities flourish and improve with the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant, the replacement of several aging major water lines, the construction of the electric utility's Bluffview Power Plant, the long-term gas purchase agreement and the recently completed bond issue for the pre-paid purchase of natural gas for the City's two power plants; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's leadership was also evident in the Council's creation of the Community Relations Commission in order to promote the

City's diverse cultures and to ensure that all of the City's residents and visitors are treated fairly and equitably; and

WHEREAS, the City's citizens, staff and council members have all benefitted from Mayor Standley's tireless and dedicated service, his involvement in the community, his support of community organizations and his love and concern for all people; and

WHEREAS, he will be greatly missed now that his time to serve as mayor has come to an end and the City and all its residents wish to express their love and appreciation to Mayor Standley and extend their best wishes for his future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, that Mayor William E. (Bill) Standley is recognized for his dedicated service as Mayor of the City of Farmington from March, 1998 to March, 2010; is recognized for his tireless, selfless dedication to the citizens of the City; and is extended this resolution as a token of the City's appreciation to a man who proved that one person can make a difference because he made Farmington a better place.

PASSED, APPROVED, SIGNED AND ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

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Tommy Roberts, Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Dianne Fuhrman, City Clerk