RESOLUTION № 2014-07

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION STATE CEMETERY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PLACEMENT OF VETERANS' CEMETERIES IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND FOR A VETERANS CEMETERY TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CLOVIS OR SURROUNDING AREA

WHEREAS, Governor Martinez has proposed a new state veteran's cemetery program for the State of New Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe National Cemetery will be full within the next fifteen years; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 78,000 New Mexico veterans live within 75 miles of existing facilities, and approximately 131,000 New Mexico veterans and eligible family members live outside the 75 mile standard; and

WHEREAS, the Clovis/Curry County regional eligible veteran population is between 8,000 to 12,000; and

WHEREAS, from Clovis, the average distance to drive to Santa Fe National Cemetery Clovis is approximately 215 driving miles and 3.5 hours driving time, and the average distance to drive to Fort Bliss or Fort Bayard is approximately 400 driving miles and six to seven hours driving time; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clovis supports the State of New Mexico's initiative to obtain funding for the construction of future Veterans' Cemeteries in the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clovis proposes to identify a piece of land within the City of Clovis or surrounding area for use as a Veterans' Cemetery in the Clovis area.

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WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of Roosevelt County, supports the application by the State of New Mexico to obtain funding for the placement of future Veterans' Cemeteries in the State of New Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Roosevelt County Commission unanimously supports placing a future Veterans' Cemetery in the City of Clovis or surrounding area.

UANIMOUSLY PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17 day of December, 2013.

Roosevelt County, NEW MEXICO

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ATTEST:

By: Coma Clerk