

The Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners

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WHEREAS, on Tuesday afternoon, June 14, 2016, the Dog Head Fire started in the Manzano Mountains and by the end of the day, 682 acres had burned. With no containment, the fire was moving in a northeast direction; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 the fire spread northeast and had grown to a size of 2,000 acres. In response, Bernalillo County activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) A mandatory evacuation order was issued for the residents living south of Highway 217 in Bernalillo County, which included the communities of Chilili and Escobosa. The Los Vecinos Community Center was opened up to house displaced residents, including their pets and livestock. Governor Susana Martinez declared a state of emergency and the National Guard was placed on standby; and

WHEREAS, during the evening of June 15, the fire grew to over 5,000 acres, the EOC became operational and was staffed by Emergency Support Function (ESF) personnel; firefighting, emergency management, mass care, law enforcement, external requests, and public information; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, June 16, 2016 the Dog Head Fire had grown to approximately 16,000 acres, the EOC became fully functional with the addition of ESF personnel; logistics management and resource support and National Guard (Army/Air Force); and

WHEREAS, the EOC was staffed for 7 straight days, 24 hours a day, by hardworking, dedicated and extremely competent Bernalillo County staff who provided resources in support of activities required to protect the health and safety of East Mountain residents including, structure protection, public safety, temporary housing for residents and pets, collection and distribution of donations, coordination of efforts between all organizations and distribution of current and meaningful information; and

WHEREAS, all county departments worked as a team and every employee performed in an exemplary manner, including those staff members who continued to provide services to county residents while resources were directed to the Dog Head Fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the county employees who provided critical support of the county's response to the Dog Head Fire and declares that Wednesday, August 17, 2016 will be known as

Bernalillo County Dog Head Appreciation Day

DONE, this 28th day of June, 2016, in Bernalillo County, State of New Mexico.

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