



Sabina Lopez 1890 Land Grant

Proclamation

Whereas, during the 18070's, a lady from Mexico settled in southern New Mexico territory and had a significant hand in the beginning of a new settlement eventually to be called "Anthony"; and

Whereas, the lady was Sabina Lopez, formerly of Jimenez, Mexico, who homesteaded 145 acres of land where present day Anthony, New Mexico lies; and

Whereas, after becoming part owner of Livesay Mercantile, she moved her family to an unclaimed plot of land some twenty miles northwest of El Paso; and

Whereas, on August 4th, 1890, Sabina Lopez received ownership with a land grant issued by the General Land Office, specifically signed by the President of the United States, Benjamin A. Harrison; and

Whereas, the desolate desert plot of land slowly turned into a farm, then a ranch, next a village, and finally the town of Anthony, New Mexico; and

Whereas, the Lopez Family built a church; this chapel was to become the center-piece of the property and worshipers from miles around came for mass and catechism classes, the church was called "San Antonio's"; and

Whereas, Sabina Lopez's niece, Albina, had the original copy of the land grant, which was later handed down to Mr. Carlos Tellez, who willfully sent the document to the City; and

Whereas, this land grant is about 128 years old and Mr. Carlos Tellez had the document professionally unrolled and laminated, so as to provide the City with a great piece of history.

Now Therefore We, City of Anthony Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the day of August 4th, 2022, as Sabina Lopez 1890 Land Grant Day throughout the City of Anthony, NM.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 3rd Day of August, 2022




Diana Murrillo, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gloria K. Ramirez, Acting City Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MPT Elva Flores

YES NO



Trustee Javier Silva

YES NO



Trustee Daniel Barreras

YES NO



Trustee Gabriel Holguin

YES NO

