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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the El Paso Mission Trail (hereinafter referred to as “the Trail”) encompasses a nine-mile corridor and links numerous culturally rich landmarks, many of which are listed on several registers of national historic places including, but not limited to, the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Native American Reservation, the Rio Vista Farm located in Socorro, and the San Elizario Cultural Arts District, all of which are part of El Paso County’s unique & iconic historical treasures; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Trail connects the oldest continuously active parishes in the United States: La Misión de Corpus Christi de San Antonio de la Ysleta del Sur, established in 1682 by the Tigua Indians; Nuestra Señora de la Concepción del Socorro, established in 1691 and is the second oldest mission in Texas; and the Presidio Chapel of San Elizario, built in 1877 on the site of an old Spanish presidio; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Trail includes a segment of the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail, known as the “El Camino Real,” a major historic route for trade and commerce which extended from Mexico City to the San Juan Pueblo in Ohkay Owingeh, New Mexico, and is the oldest and once the longest road in North America; and,

**WHEREAS**, the corridor and the missions represent the rich history of their respective communities, as well as the history of the nations of Spain, Mexico, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Native Americans, and the diverse culture found in the Southwestern United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, for decades, numerous plans have been developed and proposed for enhancing the Trail, demonstrating the long-standing interest by all involved and affected jurisdictions and stakeholders in creating a unified effort to work toward a single vision; and,

**WHEREAS**, participating entities understand the importance of working together to preserve, enhance, and promote the cherished Mission Trail and via this resolution pledge to:

- Participate in a collaborative effort toward a common vision;
- Make available the appropriate staff to participate in stakeholder meetings and/or workshops regarding planning, funding, zoning, infrastructure and other areas requiring collaboration and commitment as identified;
- Ensure that staff keeps their respective governing body informed on progress and next steps via their designated staff;
- Assist in evaluating and identifying funding sources and revenue streams;
- Support a feasibility and economic impact study (and possibly a Master Plan) as recommended by the National Park Conservation Association; and
- Identify ways to maintain any investments made going forward.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That the City of El Paso pledges to support and play a meaningful role in the collaborative initiative to preserve, enhance and promote the El Paso Mission Trail.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2016.

**THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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Oscar Lesser  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Elizabeth Ruhmann  
City Attorney

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