

Santa Fe County Proclamation

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 23-29, 2023

AS

“DANIEL ELLSBERG WEEK”

Introduced by: Commissioner Anna Hansen

WHEREAS, individuals within communities are essential to creating spaces of acceptance, challenging the status quo, and serving as advocates of peace; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Ellsberg, is a public servant who has made long-lasting impacts toward establishing a peaceful world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellsberg served in the United States Marine Corps as a platoon leader and commander in the 2nd Marine Division, and was eventually discharged as a first lieutenant in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellsberg received his PhD in economics from Harvard in 1962 and worked in the Pentagon as special assistant to Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs John McNaughton; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Ellsberg risked life in prison by releasing the Pentagon Papers, a top-secret Pentagon study of the U. S. government decision-making, to the U.S. Congress and news media; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellsberg's actions led to a landmark ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court in *New York Times Company v. U.S.* (1971) regarding the freedom of press under the First Amendment and established limitations on prior restraint by the government; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellsberg's actions contributed to ending the war in Vietnam, and to discouraging further war-making by informing the public of the inner workings of the U.S. government; and

WHEREAS, further revelations made by Mr. Ellsberg over many years informed the public of the dangers of nuclear weaponry; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Ellsberg has been for decades an outstanding educator and activist on some of the most important issues facing the Earth; and

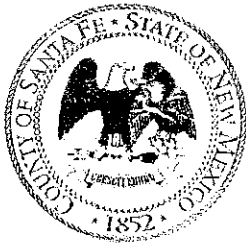
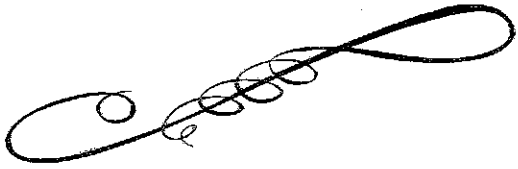
WHEREAS, Daniel Ellsberg supported, encouraged, and inspired whistleblowers, journalists, and activists all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellsberg was awarded the Right Livelihood Award in 2006 and received the 2018 Olof Palme Prize for his “profound humanism and exceptional moral courage”; and

WHEREAS, in March 2023, Daniel Ellsberg announced he is ill with a terminal cancer diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, during this week, community members are encouraged to read Daniel Ellsberg's books, articles, and interviews, and view his films and videos, some of which can be found at defusenuclearwar.org/ellsberg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF APRIL 23-29, 2023, AS:



“Daniel Ellsberg Week”

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 2023.

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