

Office of the Mayor
Official Proclamation of the *City of Santa Fe*
Bando Oficial de la Villa Real de Santa Fé de San Francisco de Asís Nuevo México

WHEREAS, Mrs. Vitalia Maestas Garcia—affectionately known as “Vita” and fondly called “La Abuelita” of Gomez Road—celebrated her 90th birthday on March 3, 2025, officially joining the distinguished nonagenarian circle of Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, born in 1935 in Maes, New Mexico, Vita was raised on a rural homestead by her parents, Domingo “Sunday” Maestas, a stone mason, and Trinidad Maestas, a homemaker, alongside her sisters Mary and Precidas; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Vita and her husband Frank Garcia moved to Gomez Road, where they raised seven children. After Frank’s passing in the 1980s, Vita continued to raise her family with strength and grace while working nearly 24 years for the New Mexico Highway Department—walking five miles roundtrip daily to her job; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud matriarch of 24 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren, and continues to bring joy through her famous cooking, including her cherished sopapillas, red chile with pork, and chicharrónes; and

WHEREAS, Vita remains active and vibrant—walking a mile a day, tending to her garden and peach tree, dressing up for senior center events, and dancing with unmatched enthusiasm to country music; and

WHEREAS, she is beloved throughout Santa Fe for her warmth, hospitality, and zest for life, famously saying, “I love the people in Santa Fe! I have so many friends here. I love the beautiful trees and flowers”; and

WHEREAS, we honor and celebrate Mrs. Vitalia Maestas Garcia for her 90 years of love, resilience, and inspiration, and express our deepest gratitude for the joy and strength she brings to the heart of our city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
SANTA FE NEW MEXICO DO HEREBY PROCLAIM,
April 30, 2025, AS**

“VITALIA MAESTAS GARCIA DAY”

Promulgada en el Ayuntamiento, el día
treinta del mes de abril del año 2025
Done at City Hall, this 30th day of April 2025

Witness my hand: _____

Alcalde/Mayor

