

# Proclamación

**E**n la Villa de Sta Fee, en diez y seis días del mes de Sepe, de mill y setezos ye doze años. . .  
reparando haverse Conquistado esta Villa, el día Catorze de sepe del ano Pasado de mill ye seis sientos  
noventa y dos, Por el General Dn Diego de Vargas, Zapata y Lujan, Ponce de Leon. . .

**U**para q en lo adelante se zelebre, el rreferido día catorze con Visperas, Missa, Sermon, y Prozession,  
Por la Plaza Principal, quedando obligados Por esta scriptura, todos los Sres. del Ille. Cavde. . . a su  
observanzia, con solemne Juramento. . . obligamos en la manera que Podemos, a todos los que subseidieren  
en dho Cavdo. . .

*The First Santa Fe Fiesta Council, 1712: the historic decree  
The Proclamation of the Santa Fe Fiesta, Sept. 16, 1712*

*"In the Villa of Santa Fe, on the sixteenth day of the month of September of the year seventeen hundred and twelve, gathered and met together in the house of residence of the General, Juan Paez Hurtado, Lieutenant Governor and Captain General, because the official meeting houses were unfit as a result of the continuous rains that have fallen since the thirteenth day of the present month, as also the lightning storms not seen before at this time of the year,*

*the purpose being that, recalling how this Villa had been reconquered on the Fourteenth day of September of the past year of sixteen hundred and ninety two by the General Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Luján, Ponce de León, Marquis of La Nava de Brazinas,*

*and that in twenty years no fiesta had been observed, as this Villa should have, in honor of the Salutory Cross of Our Redemption, and so that in the future the said fourteenth day be celebrated with Vespers, Mass, Sermon, and Procession through the Main Plaza, all the gentlemen of the Illustrious City Council, Justice and Magistracy, remaining bound to its observance by this writ, through the solemn oath which those of the Present City Council made at the hands of the Reverend Father Guardian of said Villa, Fray Antonio Camargo, whom said Illustrious City Council had invited to graciously attend said meeting with the rest of the citizens of said Villa, especially those who have received decorations, and former council members,*

*being that a formal invitation had already been presented by the Captain, Alfonso Rael de Aguilar, Magistrate Ordinary, and the Adjutant and Regent, Salvador Montoya, to the Lord Marquis of La Penuela, Governor and Captain General of this Kingdom, in order that his Lordship might assist at said meeting as President, who in turn gave an order to the aforesaid his Lieutenant Governor to preside over it, who in compliance with it thus carried it out.*

*And said Fiesta, since the Fourteenth Day was past, which is the one designated for future years, we determined to celebrate on the Seventeenth Day, which is the one in which the Catholic Church Our Mother, celebrates the feast-day of the Bleeding Wounds of the Lord Saint Francis,*

*in whose Church it is our will that it be celebrated for all time, a Fiesta in honor of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.*

*And we oblige, in the manner with which we are empowered, all those who could succeed us in said Illustrious City Council,*

*in whose charge will be the burden of collecting the contributions as well as assigning the Sermon to the Person whom it should please, who will be given twenty-five pesos;*

*and of the rest that should be collected thirty pesos will be paid for the Vespers, Mass, and Procession,*

*which is what we the Present ones bind ourselves to, and we bind those who should succeed us, as we likewise oblige ourselves to furnish the beeswax that should be needed,*

*and, if perhaps, with the passing of time this Villa should have some of its own funds, a portion of them will be designated for said festivity, which, as we have finished saying, we swear in due form of law;*

*I, the General, Juan Paez Hurtado, President in the place of said Lord Marquis de La Peñuela—the Captain, Alfonso Rael de Aguilar, Magistrate Ordinary—The Captain, Don Felix Martínez, Regent—the Adjutant Salvador Montoya, Regent—Miguel de Dios Sandoval Martínez, Council Member and Secretary of the Council—the Field Commander, Lorenzo Madrid, Council Member—the Captain Antonio Montoya, Council Member—the Captain Juan García de la Riva, Council Member—the Captain, Francisco Lorenzo de Casados, Council Member—*

*and, we declare that the beeswax which is left over after being burned and used in said festivity shall be gathered up by said Illustrious Council, or the person it should assign for the purpose, and this we do because of the scarcity in this land.*

*And, all together we bind ourselves to assist at Vespers, Mass, Sermon and Procession, and we swear to the Most Holy Cross, for its being Patron and Title of this Villa of Santa Fe.*

*And, we sign this writing and obligation on said day, month, and year*

