

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02**

**A DAY TO HONOR THE TERRITORIAL CHARTER OF THE  
TOWN OF SILVER CITY, GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**Sponsored by Mayor Michael S. Morones**

**WHEREAS**, on February 15, 1878, the Speaker of the Territorial House of Representatives of the State of New Mexico, Juan B. Patron, presided over passage of “An Act to incorporate the Town of Silver City in the County of Grant” which was signed that day by the Governor; and

**WHEREAS**, this act of incorporation constitutes the official recognition by the Territory of New Mexico that certain rights and powers of self-government shall be granted in perpetuity to the citizens of the Town of Silver City; and

**WHEREAS**, for one hundred and thirty-eight years, this Territorial Charter has provided for a democratic form of government and has permitted said government to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Silver City is the only remaining municipality in the State of New Mexico still operating under authority of a Territorial Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town honors its special place in the development of New Mexico as being a model for local self-rule, for establishing a concept of municipal government which embodies the spirit and intent of American democracy, and for the foresight of its successive governing bodies by establishing laws and regulations for the health, general well being, and safety of its inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Silver City deems it appropriate that the Town Council and the inhabitants of the Town shall annually honor the passage of its Territorial Charter, and remember those persons responsible therefor;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO**, that the Saturday closest to February 15<sup>th</sup> of each year shall be designated as Territorial Charter Day, and that the inhabitants of the Town shall honor said day with a recollection of history and such celebrations as might be deemed appropriate.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 26th day of January, 2016.



Michael S. Morones  
Michael S. Morones, Mayor

Attest:

Ann L. Mackie  
Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk