



# County of Los Alamos

## Council Meeting Staff Report

January 24, 2023

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**Agenda No.:** A.  
**Indexes (Council Goals):**  
**Presenters:** County Council  
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### Title

Proclamation Marking January 28th as the 25th Anniversary of the Los Alamos Retired and Senior Organization (Accepted by Bernadette Lauritzen)

### Body

**WHEREAS**, the Los Alamos Retired and Senior Organization (LARSO) began in January 1998 with Articles of Incorporation signed by Glenn Lockhart, Beverly Keenan, and Faith Stephens; and

**WHEREAS**, the small organization grew into a large organization that oversees both the Betty Ehart and White Rock Senior Centers and engages citizens aged 60 years old or older whose experiences and wisdom connect us to the past and help us meet the challenges of the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization with the assistance of volunteers has seen seniors through situations ranging from wildfires and a global pandemic to basic needs for information, food, and transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization offers seniors safe locations for socializing, well-being, reading, dancing, exercising, conversing, listening to music, and relaxing; and

**WHEREAS**, the current LARSO Board Members are Tom McLaughlin, John Baillie, Kim Thomas, Don Gerheart, Jerry Fleming, Katie Fry, Kay Reisinger, Lee D'Anna, and, Don Dudziak; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization has benefited through strong executive directors over the years, beginning with Betty Ehart, Del Dyche, Pauline Powell Schneider, Linda Boncella and now, Bernadette Lauritzen.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on behalf of the Council of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, I do hereby urge all community members to observe on January 28, 2023, the 25th Anniversary of the

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and to recognize the various services, programs and activities they do, and continue to do, to honor and support our elderly population.