## SAN JUAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 19

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXPRESSING OUR SUPPORT OF SERAPHINE WARREN IN WALKING FROM CARLYLE, AZ TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IN HONOR OF HER AUNT, ELLA MAE BEGAY, AND TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE CRISIS OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN

**WHEREAS**, since 2016 the National Crime Information Center has reported 5,712 cases of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls; and

**WHEREAS**, murder is the third leading cause of death of Indigenous Women (Centers for Disease Control); and

**WHEREAS**, more than 4 out of 5 Indigenous Women have experienced violence (National institute of Justice Report); and

WHEREAS, murder rates for Indigenous Women is 3x higher than Anglo-American Women

**WHEREAS**, the lack of communication combined with jurisdictional issues between State, Local, Federal and Tribal law enforcement, make the investigative progress difficult;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Juan County Board of Commissioners publically expresses support and gratitude to Seraphine Warren for her efforts in bringing attention to the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous Women.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022 by the following vote:

Those voting Aye: Willie Grayeyes, Kenneth Maryboy, Bruce Adams

Those voting Nay:

Absent:

Board of San Juan County Commissioners

Willie Graveves, Chairman

Attest:

Lyman W. Duncan, County Clerk/Auditor