

INDIGENT BURIAL AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has adopted a statute pertaining to the burial of indigents, as set forth in Sections 24-13-1 through 24-13-8 NMSA 2018; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to statute:

"It is the duty of the Board of County Commissioners of each County in the State to cause to be decently interred or cremated the body of any unclaimed decedent or indigent. The County shall ensure that the body is buried or cremated no later than 30 days after a determination has been made that the body had not been claimed, but no less than two weeks after death. If the body is cremated, the County shall ensure that the cremated remains are retained and stored for no less than 2 years in a manner that allows for identification of the remains. After the expiration of 2 years, the cremated remains may be disposed of, provided the County retains a record of the place and manner of disposition for not less than 5 years after such disposition."

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 24-13-4 of the New Mexico Statutes the Board of County Commissioners shall cause any deceased indigent or unclaimed decedent to be decently interred or cremated; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to New Mexico Statutes if the decedent is indigent, the County of residence of the deceased person or if said County is unknown, the County in which the body was found, the expenses for said person shall not exceed \$600.00 for burial or cremation of any adult or minor.

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, pursuant to the New Mexico Statutes, Steed-Todd Funeral Home & Crematory hereby agrees to conduct/handle the burial or cremation of indigents, as identified by Curry County in the amount of \$600.00. Should any funeral director or other person authorized by law can obtain information reflecting that the decedent has assets available to offset any or all said funeral expenses, they shall contact Curry County Manager within 7 days and notify County of the same. Any such failure to do so, will result in a violation of the New Mexico Burial of Indigents Act pursuant to Section 24-13-7 NMSA 2018.

DONE this 29th day of June, 2021.

Curry County:

Lance Pyle
By: Lance Pyle, County Manager

Funeral Home:

Steed Todd
By: Michael McIntire
Its: Manager

Approved as to Form:

Stephen Doerr
Stephen Doerr, County Attorney