

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS RESOLUTION NO. 14-09

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY VACATE THE 1954
DECISION OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION TO RESCIND THE SECURITY
CLEARANCE OF DR. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER**

WHEREAS, during the throes of World War II, the project that became known to the world as the Manhattan Project was established as one way to find victory and Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer was selected as the civilian head of the project; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oppenheimer selected a site on the remote Pajarito Plateau to gather the scientists and technicians to work on the Manhattan Project which led to the establishment of the Los Alamos National Laboratory and, by extension, the Incorporated County of Los Alamos; and

WHEREAS, one of the ongoing projects of the J. Robert Oppenheimer Memorial Committee (JROMC) is to persuade the Department of Energy to vacate the 1954 decision not to renew Dr. Oppenheimer's clearance, in keeping with the by-laws of the JROMC "to carry out activities that honor the memory of J. Robert Oppenheimer;" and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate, upon the 100th anniversary of his birth, recognized Dr. Oppenheimer's outstanding contribution to theoretical physics and to Los Alamos National Laboratory by awarding him the Enrico Fermi Medal, presented by President Lyndon Johnson; and

WHEREAS, of the scientists who are members of the prestigious Los Alamos National Laboratory Fellows along with some former directors of Los Alamos National Laboratory endorse vacating the decision concerning Dr. Oppenheimer's security status; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the Governing Body of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos to endorse the restoration of status to a man uniquely instrumental in the creation of this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos that the United States Department of Energy, through its Secretary, Ernest Moniz, is hereby formally requested to vacate the 1954 decision not to renew the security clearance of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution, together with letters of support from several authors who have performed biographical research about Dr. Oppenheimer, the Laboratory Fellows, former Laboratory Directors, the Los Alamos Historical Society and the J. Robert Oppenheimer Memorial Committee, be forwarded to Secretary Moniz to be weighed in making the decision to vacate the rescission of security clearance that occurred sixty (60) years ago.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of May, 2014.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS**

**Geoff Rodgers
Council Chair**

ATTEST:

**Sharon Stover
Los Alamos County Clerk**

Attachment B