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For Immediate Release:

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PLAZA TO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC**

Wednesday, September 24, 2014 – Taos, NM – The Taos Plaza will be closed to traffic beginning at 5pm through Thursday night, probably near 11pm or midnight. The Free parking area (the McCarthy Lot) directly behind the Old County Courthouse will also be closed during the same period.

The metered parking in the larger Dunn Shops lot and all other Town parking lots will continue under normal operating hours and conditions.

The Plaza is being closed to accommodate utility vehicles, public safety and security measures, vendors, and set up by Town and event employees for a free concert on the Plaza Thursday night featuring the Platinum selling recording artists, the “Kongos”, 2 time Grammy Award winning Native American artists, “Hail Creek” and several other musical and entertainment acts.

Live remotes of the event by KTAO-FM 101.9 Taos and KCAB-FM 99.1 Santa Fe will begin at 4pm Thursday, along with a variety of entertainment, including jugglers, mariachi’s, stilt walkers, street art by Promo Hobo, live interactive art from the Paseo exhibition and special lighting in the trees and throughout the Plaza by SolarFest Music Productions.

There will be free visitor parking at the Taos County Complex (Albright Road and Paseo del Pueblo Sur, across from Wendy’s), the Loretto Town Parking Lot (off

Camino de la Placita, west of and opposite the Plaza), the north lot of Kit Carson Park (off Paseo del Pueblo Norte), Town Hall (on Camino de la Placita) and several other locations, which will be served by the Taos Chili Line Transit system.

Changes in line up and times, as well as parking, bus schedules, weather, and other event information will be available on the Town website at taosgov.com and at the Town tourism site at “taos.org.”, and updated as it happens.

As we are expecting anywhere from 1,500 to 4,000 people and most to arrive early (the event is FREE and STANDING ROOM ONLY) beginning around 2pm based on feedback we have received we are encouraging all businesses to be open and to try to take advantage of the many thirsty, hungry and ready to dance and celebrate people who will be in town.

We will be posting a master list of any businesses that are expecting to have food, music or other specials that day and will be distributing it at the event, which should be over by 9pm.

Given the short show there will be many visitors looking for something to do before and afterwards and the schedule is designed to give visitors and businesses an opportunity get familiar with each other.

A more detailed press release on final details will be released by 3pm today by the Town.

For questions, comments of further information on this proclamation or any other community issue, please contact Rick Bellis, Town Manager, at (575) 770-2606 or at rbellis@taosgov.com.

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