CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-96

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Dimas
Councilor Dominguez
Councilor Rivera
Councilor Trujillo
Councilor Bushee
Councilor Calvert
Councilor Ives

A RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE; ENCOURAGING THE SANTA FE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE RESIDENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER IN A COLLOBORATIVE EFFORT AND FOR A COMMON CAUSE – TAKE ILLEGAL DRUGS OFF THE STREETS OF SANTA FE.

WHEREAS, up until 2006, the Santa Fe Police Department ("SFPD") had an established narcotics unit within the department, and thereafter, the SFPD transferred all City of Santa Fe narcotics enforcement to the New Mexico State Police, Region III Drug Enforcement Task Force ("Region III Task Force"); and

WHEREAS, the Region III Task Force does not solely focus on narcotics enforcement within the city of Santa Fe, it is a regional task force that focuses on the prevention, investigation, control and prosecution of unlawful drugs, narcotics and controlled substances and related crimes within the Region III area which includes the Northern New Mexico counties of Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba and Taos and is supervised by the New Mexico State Police; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body acknowledges that drug abuse is prevalent in Northern New Mexico and encourages the continuation of the SFPD's relationship with the Region III Task Force, however, the Governing Body also acknowledges that drug abuse is prevalent in the city of Santa Fe and there is a need to focus on combating local drug trafficking; and

WHEREAS, an educational component should consist of the SFPD providing educational awareness to students at area schools and attending neighborhood watch meetings to inform citizens of drug trends and create and maintain avenues of communication with neighborhood groups; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for an enforcement component that should consist of investigating all tips received from the "Drug Hotline" as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, drug addiction leads to criminal activity which includes, but is not limited to shoplifting, forgery, burglary, credit card fraud, purse snatching and violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to call upon the residents of our community to come together to be involved with the SFPD to get drug traffickers off the streets of Santa Fe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that in the interest of the health safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Santa Fe, the Governing Body encourages the SFPD and the community of Santa Fe to come together in a collaborative effort and for a common cause – take illegal drugs off the streets of Santa Fe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SFPD shall by January 1, 2014:

1. Explore the options for establishing a 24/7 hotline at the Regional Emergency Communications Center so that residents of our community may report any suspicious activity that may be related to illegal drug activity.
2. Coordinate with neighborhood watch groups to be the eyes and ears of their neighborhood and play an integral part in reporting any suspicious activity related to illegal drug activity.

3. Establish close patrols in the areas reported for suspicious drug activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SFPD shall:

1. Coordinate with the First Judicial District Attorney's Office to aggressively prosecute all drug trafficking cases.
2. Coordinate with Santa Fe Public Schools, private schools and other youth organizations to present drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents of Santa Fe, from the young to the elderly, and businesses such as utility companies, plumbers, landscapers, roofers, delivery persons and any others that are out in the streets of Santa Fe during their work day, are encouraged to partner with the SFPD and report any suspicious activity that may be related to illegal drug activity.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 30th day of October, 2013.

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for
KELLEY A. BRENNAN, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

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