

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Joseph Maestas Councilor Peter Ives
6 Councilor Chris Rivera Councilor Carmichael Dominguez
7 Councilor Signe Lindell
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION, HOUSE BILL 111 (“HB 111”),**
12 **RELATING TO UTILITIES -- PROVIDING FOR SHARED RENEWABLE ENERGY**
13 **FACILITIES TO QUALIFY AS DISTRIBUTED GENERATION FACILITIES; REQUIRING**
14 **INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION, CONNECTION AND**
15 **OPERATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES WITHIN THEIR OPERATING**
16 **TERRITORIES.**

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18 **WHEREAS**, the 60 day session of the 2015 Legislative Session began on January 20, 2015;

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20 **WHEREAS**, HB 111, has been introduced for consideration by the 52nd Legislature - State of
21 New Mexico - First Session, 2015; and

22 **WHEREAS**, HB 111 would require public electric utilities to allow community solar
23 programs within their service territories; and

24 **WHEREAS**, solar systems installed on-site in the residential and commercial sectors
25 comprise only a part of the total market for solar energy systems; and

1 **WHEREAS**, clearly, community options are needed to expand access to solar power for
2 renters, affordable housing, low income populations, buildings with shaded roofs and those who
3 choose not to install a residential system on their home for financial or other reasons; and

4 **WHEREAS**, as a group, ratepayers and/ or taxpayers fund solar incentive programs and as a
5 matter of equity, solar energy programs should be designed in a manner that allows all contributors to
6 participate; and

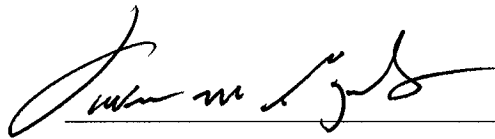
7 **WHEREAS**, the secondary goals met by many community solar projects include:

- 8 • Improved economies of scale
- 9 • Increased public understanding of solar energy
- 10 • Generation of local jobs
- 11 • Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental benefits

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
13 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby supports HB 111, relating to utilities --
14 providing for shared renewable energy facilities to qualify as distributed generation facilities;
15 requiring investor-owned utilities to allow construction, connection and operation of renewable
16 energy facilities within their operating territories.

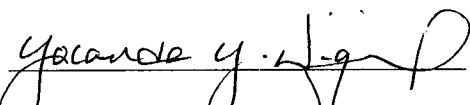
17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this
18 resolution to the City of Santa Fe lobbyist and the City of Santa Fe State Legislative Delegation.

19 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 28th day of January, 2015.

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22 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

23 ATTEST:

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25 VOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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4 KELLEY BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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