

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-25

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10 A RESOLUTION

11 RELATING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION; PROCLAIMING
12 SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO PROVIDE UNIVERSAL, HIGH-QUALITY
13 EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION AND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AGES
14 PRENATAL THROUGH FIVE AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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16 WHEREAS, all New Mexico children, regardless of income, race or ethnicity, should have
17 the opportunity to thrive and enter school ready to learn; and

18 WHEREAS, Santa Fe County is home to 9,900 children under the age of six, over half of
19 whom reside in low income households, and 19 percent of whom live in poverty; and

20 WHEREAS, research shows that early prenatal care, pediatric healthcare and high quality
21 early childhood care and education are cost effective ways to promote equal opportunities for
22 disadvantaged children, reduce the need for later expensive interventions, improve educational
23 outcomes and reduce the public costs of unemployment, incarceration and social welfare programs;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, research shows that 85 percent of brain development occurs in the first five

1 years of life and providing high-quality early childhood services and programs to children and their
2 families prepares children to thrive in school and in life and is much less costly than later
3 interventions; and

4 **WHEREAS**, research has demonstrated that each dollar invested in early childhood care and
5 education generates between \$7 and \$10 in productivity gains and cost savings to society over the
6 lifetime of a child; and

7 **WHEREAS**, public and private investments in early childhood care and education benefit the
8 business community by fostering the growth of local small businesses, many of which are women-
9 and minority-owned; by making it possible for the parents of young children to work and further their
10 education; and by improving educational outcomes, and thus the future workforce readiness, of
11 children; and

12 **WHEREAS**, to make meaningful and lasting improvements in outcomes for children and
13 families, a large investment in early childhood services is necessary; and

14 **WHEREAS**, such investment must be sustained, reliable and invulnerable to disruption by
15 political changes at the state or national level; and

16 **WHEREAS**, local funding for, and oversight of early childhood programs is needed and such
17 programs should reflect community values and address the unique needs of community residents and
18 institutions; and

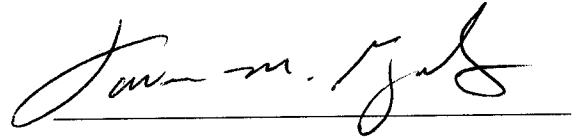
19 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe must take a more active and strategic role in setting priorities and
20 funding programs for young children and their families; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe recognizes that from May 2015 – May 2016 is the Year of the Baby
22 with community events celebrating the first five years of life, including the Fiesta Para Bebés on May
23 2, 2015.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
25 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body proclaims its support and encourages community

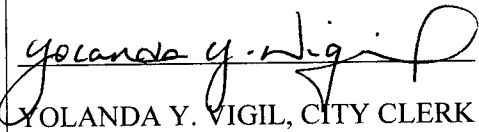
1 efforts to create public awareness of the importance of early childhood education and care, and
2 support and expansion of high-quality programs that support the health, learning and stability of
3 young children and their families living in Santa Fe County.

4 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2015.

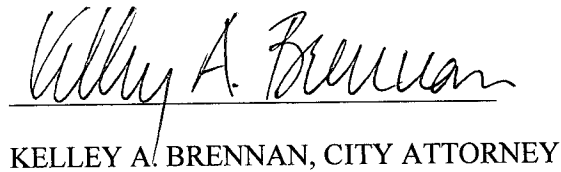
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7 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

8 ATTEST:

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11 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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17 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY