

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-129**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Calvert  
6 Councilor Bushee  
7 Councilor Trujillo

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY, EACH YEAR, AS THE LAST**  
12 **FRIDAY IN APRIL; AND DIRECTING STAFF TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO**  
13 **QUALIFY THE CITY OF SANTA FE AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ARBOR**  
14 **DAY FOUNDATION'S TREE CITY USA (TCUSA) PROGRAM.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture  
17 that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

18 **WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more  
19 than a million trees in Nebraska; and

20 **WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut  
21 heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen,  
22 and provide habitat for wildlife; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the health, safety and general welfare of the public and the conservation  
24 and protection of the natural resources of the City of Santa Fe and it's values necessitates the  
25 implementation of regulations to guide the planting and maintenance of ornamental trees on

1 public property and rights-of-way within the City of Santa Fe; and

2       **WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel  
3 for our fires, art for our hearts and minds, and countless other wood products; and

4       **WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of  
5 business areas, and beautify our community; and

6       **WHEREAS**, planting trees and maintaining older trees provides an opportunity for  
7 community interaction, volunteerism, economic development, and environmental conservation; and

8       **WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and renewal; and

9       **WHEREAS**, trees improve the environmental benefits present and future generations  
10 enjoy; and

11       **WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world.

12       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
13 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that staff is directed to take the necessary steps to qualify the City of  
14 Santa Fe as a member of The National Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA (TCUSA)  
15 program. These steps should include, but are not limited to:

16       1.       Each year Arbor Day shall be recognized by the City of Santa Fe and celebrated  
17 by the citizens of Santa Fe as the last Friday in April.

18       2.       Staff shall prepare a resolution amending the Park and Open Space Advisory  
19 Commission to establish the municipal tree board consisting of two members of Park and Open  
20 Space Advisory Commission and one Parks Division staff member that shall:


21           A.       Complete the comprehensive tree policy as directed in Resolution No.  
22 2007-28 within one year of adoption of this resolution.

23           B.       Within 90 days of the adoption of this resolution, prepare a budget  
24 outlining the costs associated with carrying out the above.

25       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Santa Fe encourages citizens to

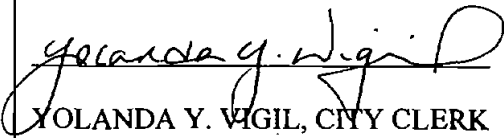
1 participate in Arbor Day activities and to take advantage of the benefits of the parks and other  
2 natural areas in our community.

3 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 9th day of December, 2009.

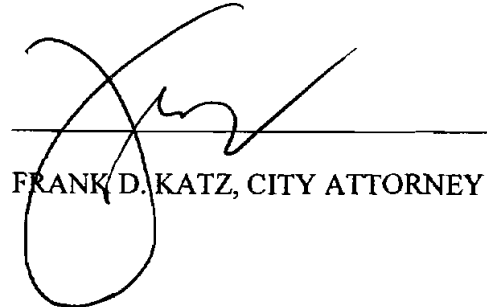
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6 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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8 ATTEST:

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11 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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16 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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