

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-109**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Coss

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT THE DOMESTIC PARTNER RIGHTS**
12 **AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT.**

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14 **WHEREAS**, Article 2.02 of the Santa Fe Municipal Chart states that “human and civil
15 rights of the residents of Santa Fe are inviolate and shall not be diminished or otherwise
16 infringed”; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe supports full legal protections
18 and benefits for all families; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe provides insurance benefits for domestic partners of
20 city employees; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe is comprised of many different
22 types of families and cultures including those who have lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
23 (LGBT) members; and

24 **WHEREAS**, loving LGBT couples and their children are denied equal access to rights
25 and protections in the State of New Mexico and with it the over 1,500 protections and

1 responsibilities that government gives to other families through marriage; and

2 **WHEREAS**, these literally life and death protections provided by New Mexico to
3 married couples and their families include access to health insurance, joint adoption, medical
4 decision making authority, inheritance, child custody, pension benefits, and public support
5 programs like Workers Compensation; and

6 **WHEREAS**, “domestic partnership” means a legal relationship that is not marriage that
7 two domestic partners establish; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act will benefit all New
9 Mexico couples who choose to enter into a legal arrangement; and

10 **WHEREAS**, there is legislation to be introduced in the New Mexico State Legislature
11 that will provide the ability for couples (same-sex or heterosexual) to enter into legal domestic
12 partnership and obtain the same associated protections and responsibilities as state recognized
13 spouses and former spouses.

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
15 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that that the Santa Fe Governing Body supports equal rights for all Santa
16 Fe’s citizens and urges the New Mexico State Legislature to advocate and vote for the Domestic
17 Partners Rights and Responsibilities Act.

18 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to give a copy of
19 this resolution to the city’s lobbyist and State Legislative delegation.

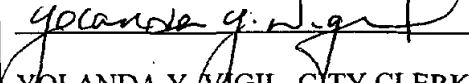
20 **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 28th day of October, 2009.

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24 **DAVID COSS, MAYOR**

1 ATTEST:


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4 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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6 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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9 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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