

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-103**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Bushee

6 Councilor Chavez

7 Councilor Romero

8 Councilor Trujillo

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE GOVERNING**  
12 **BODY REGARDING A PROPOSED PROGRAM TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC**  
13 **REGARDING THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND THE**  
14 **FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING CITY SPONSORED DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR THE**  
15 **PUBLIC.**

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17 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe is committed to protecting the public health and safety  
18 of the citizens of Santa Fe; and

19 **WHEREAS**, studies have shown that pharmaceuticals and personal care products  
20 (PPCP's) are present in our nation's waterbodies; and

21 **WHEREAS**, PPCPs refer, in general, to any product used by individuals for personal  
22 health or cosmetic reasons or used by agribusiness to enhance growth or health of livestock; and

23 **WHEREAS**, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA),  
24 to date, scientists have found no evidence of adverse human health effects from PPCPs in the  
25 environment; and

1           **WHEREAS**, however, further research suggests that certain drugs may cause ecological  
2 harm; and

3           **WHEREAS**, individuals add PPCPs to the environment through excretion (the  
4 elimination of waste material from the body) and bathing, and through the disposal of unwanted  
5 medications into sewers and trash; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Albuquerque and the National League of Cities have recently initiated  
7 efforts to be proactive in educating their residents regarding proper disposal of pharmaceuticals  
8 and pursuing legislation to allow pharmaceutical take-back programs; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the Buckman Direct Diversion Water Treatment Plant includes both  
10 conventional and advanced treatment processes for treating Rio Grande water; and

11           **WHEREAS**, such processes, included but are not limited to ozonation and granular  
12 activated carbon contactors, which are some of the best available technologies for removing an  
13 array of PPCPs that may generally be found in the Rio Grande; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to encourage policies that will minimize the  
15 introduction of pharmaceuticals and personal products into the Rio Grande through the city's  
16 wastewater system.

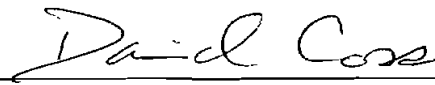
17           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
18 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the city manager is directed to prepare a report for the governing  
19 body regarding:

- 20           • A proposed program to educate the public regarding the proper disposal of  
21           pharmaceuticals; and  
22           • The feasibility of establishing city sponsored disposal options for the public.

23           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that city staff shall work cooperatively with  
24 Santa Fe County on this issue.

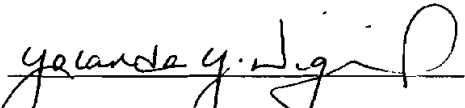
25           **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 28th day of October, 2009.

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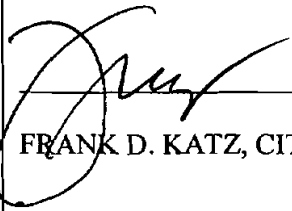
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY