

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-93**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Ortiz
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **RECOGNIZING ST. MICHAEL'S HIGH SCHOOL'S 150 YEARS OF EDUCATION AND**
12 **DECLARING OCTOBER 9 – 12, 2009 AS "ST. MICHAEL'S SESQUICENTENNIAL**
13 **WEEKEND".**

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15 **WHEREAS**, in 1859, upon the request of New Mexico Archbishop Lamy, Christian Brothers
16 from France came to Santa Fe to open St. Michael's, a school for boys, in an adobe hut next to the
17 San Miguel Mission church on Old Santa Fe Trail; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 1876, St. Michael's College conferred diplomas upon its first graduates; and

19 **WHEREAS**, under the direction of the Christian Brothers, St. Michael's educational
20 reputation grew; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the 1910 Constitutional Convention convened in anticipation of New Mexico's
22 statehood and 22 delegates were alumni of St. Michael's College; and

23 **WHEREAS**, these 22 delegates composed over twenty percent of the state constitutional
24 delegates and, as a percentage, represented a higher percentage of state constitutional delegates than
25 institutions such as Harvard, Yale or Princeton have had at any other state constitutional convention;

1 and

2 **WHEREAS**, with support from the community, St. Michael’s survived difficult times and
3 came to occupy several buildings and a campus, on which the present day P.E.R.A., Lamy and Lew
4 Wallace buildings occupy; and

5 **WHEREAS**, by 1966, St. Michael’s outgrew its location on Old Santa Fe Trail (known as
6 College Street for its proximity to St. Michael’s) and moved to its present location on Siringo Road;
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8 **WHEREAS**, St. Michael’s became co-educational in 1968, after the closing of Loretto
9 Academy; and

10 **WHEREAS**, St. Michael's, with a college preparatory curriculum, has maintained as its
11 mission to educate every student in a spirit of faith and academic excellence according to Roman
12 Catholic traditions in the Lasallian tradition of the Christian Brothers; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the core principles of a Lasallian school are: faith in the presence of God,
14 respect for all persons, quality education, concern for the poor and social justice, and a united
15 community where diversity is respected; and

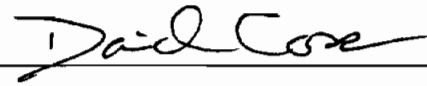
16 **WHEREAS**, St. Michael’s is the oldest educational institution in Santa Fe and in New
17 Mexico.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
19 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City of Santa Fe recognizes and honors St. Michael’s High School for
20 providing education in Santa Fe and in New Mexico for 150 years.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Santa Fe declares the weekend of October 9
22 – 14, 2009 as “St. Michael’s Sesquicentennial Weekend”.

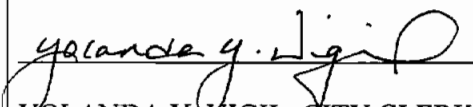
23 **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 30th day of September, 2009.
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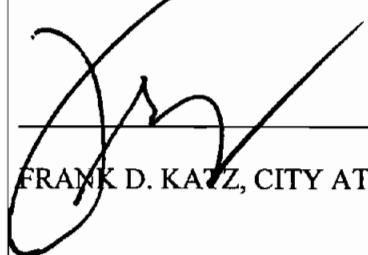
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY