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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-71

INTRODUCED:

Mayor Coss
Councilor Romero

A RESOLUTION

DECLARING, THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER, THAT THE WEEK PRECEDING SPANISH MARKET SHALL BE KNOWN AS "SPANISH ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK".

WHEREAS, Spanish Market is the oldest and largest market in the United States for Hispanic artists working in traditional art forms and techniques; and

WHEREAS, Spanish Market was a part of Indian Market until 1972 when the event took its own place on the plaza during the last full weekend in July; and

WHEREAS, the more recently established Contemporary Hispanic Market under the sponsorship of El Museo takes place on the side streets that line the Plaza during the same time as Spanish Market; and

WHEREAS, the once two-day Spanish Market now includes ancillary activities such as artist studio tours in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, lectures, Spanish Market Preview at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center, Spanish "Tasting Menus" at local restaurants, Spanish cooking classes, gallery openings, art demonstrations, and book signings; and

1 **WHEREAS**, now in its 58th year, this colorful national art festival is a rare opportunity
2 for visitors to enjoy a taste of New Mexico’s vibrant Spanish culture, both past and present; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Spanish Market not only increases public awareness of the Spanish
4 colonial artistic traditions of New Mexico, but preserves and promotes the importance of
5 continuing community traditions in the context of our community; and

6 **WHEREAS**, since its inception in 1925, the Spanish Colonial Arts Society (“Society”)
7 has contributed to the revival and preservation of New Mexico’s Spanish colonial artistic
8 traditions by presenting high quality events like the Spanish Market; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Spanish Market participants now include some of the best-known Hispanic
10 artists in the world, of which a good number have achieved national recognition and often
11 represent several generations of a family tradition; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Contemporary Market artists’ work is a blend of their real-world
13 experience, strongly influenced by the Hispanic parentage and New Mexico traditions, yet
14 unconstrained and fully expansive in their adoption of modern forms of expression; and

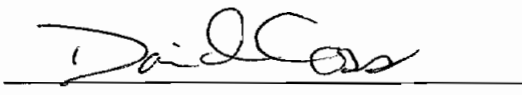
15 **WHEREAS**, a separate youth exhibition area that features the work of some 100
16 emerging artists whose enthusiasm and unique interpretations continue to inject the Spanish
17 Market with vitality and ensure the perpetuation of these cherished artistic traditions; and

18 **WHEREAS**, through partnerships with organizations such as the Spanish Colonial Art
19 Society’s sister organization, El Rancho de las Golondrinas, and the Contemporary Hispanic
20 Market, collaborative program planning for the Spanish Market continues to take place.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
22 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body declares, this year and every year thereafter, that
23 the week preceding Spanish Market shall be known as "Spanish Arts and Culture Week".

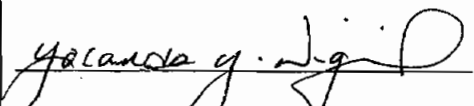
24 **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 8th day of July, 2009.
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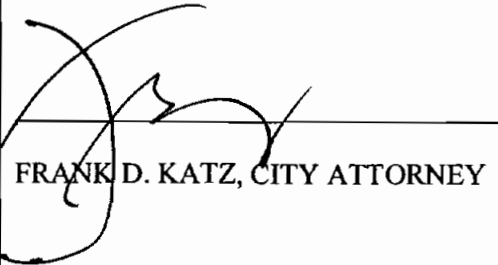


DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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