1	CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
2	RESOLUTION NO. 2009-61
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10	A RESOLUTION
11	SUPPORTING JUNE 26 AS THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY IN
12	SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF TORTURE.
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14	WHEREAS, in 1998, the United Nations declared June 26th as United Nations
15	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture; and
16	WHEREAS, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, said "Today the United Nations appeals
17	to all governments and members of civil society to take action to defeat torture and torturers
18	everywhere. This is a day on which we pay our respects to those who have endured the
1 9	unimaginable. This is an occasion for the world to speak up against the unspeakable."; and
20	WHEREAS, torture is one of the most profound human rights abuses, taking a terrible
21	toll on millions of individuals and their families; and
22	WHEREAS, United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is a
23	special day to focus on helping torture victims and ending torture; and
24	WHEREAS, religious and human rights organizations in the United States have declared
25	the month of June to be Torture Awareness Month as a way to provide greater visibility to this

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issue and provide an opportunity for coordinated actions across the country; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Conference of Churches, Santa Fe Veterans for Peace and
Temple Beth Shalom, working with the National Religious Campaign Against Torture, along
with other faith, human rights, and peace groups, are organizing a series of events on June 25-28,
2009 to focus the attention of the public, the United States Congress and the President in an effort
to end torture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE

CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body supports June 26 as United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 2009.

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DAVID COSS, MAYOR

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK APPROVED AS TO FORM: FLANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY Jp/ca/jpmb/2009 res/UN support of victims of torture