

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-29**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 **Councilor Chavez**

6 **Mayor Coss**

7 **Councilor Ortiz**

8 **Councilor Romero**

9 **Councilor Dominguez**

10 **Councilor Trujillo**

11 **A RESOLUTION**

12 **SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 21 THAT CREATES THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
13 **HISPANIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE HISPANIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION.**

14 **WHEREAS**, Hispanics comprise 44 percent of the total population in New Mexico; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the State of New Mexico Department of Health reported that Hispanics are  
16 negatively impacted by several health status disparities; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Senator Michael S. Sanchez has introduced Senate Bill 21 which, if passed,  
18 creates the Hispanic Affairs Department and the Hispanic Affairs Commission; and

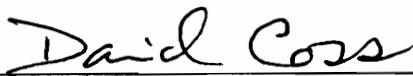
19 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Hispanic Affairs Department Act is to create a single,  
20 unified department to administer laws and exercise functions in order to achieve a coordinated  
21 and effective system dedicated to improving educational achievement gaps and health care access  
22 and reducing poverty rates among Hispanics in New Mexico; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Hispanic Affairs Commission will provide an opportunity for the  
24 presentation and exchange of ideas with respect to Hispanic affairs that result in the promotion of  
25 the welfare of Hispanics in New Mexico and will receive and disseminate information on issues

1 that significantly impact the welfare of Hispanics in New Mexico.

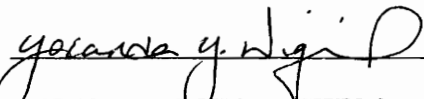
2 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
3 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body supports Senate Bill 21 that creates the state of  
4 New Mexico Hispanic Affairs Department and the Hispanic Affairs Commission.

5 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

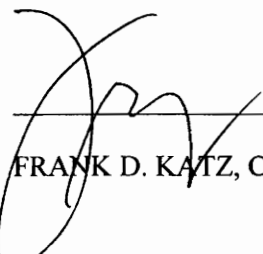
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9 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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11 ATTEST:

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14 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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19 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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