

1 **WHEREAS**, underage drinking of alcohol, especially binge drinking, places our youth at
2 much greater risk of alcohol-related harms such as drinking and driving, being involved in
3 physical fights, sexual assault, teen pregnancy, suicide, and homicide; and

4 **WHEREAS**, our youth are starting to drink alcohol at very young ages, with 34% of our
5 youth reporting that they had their first drink of alcohol before they were 13 years old; and

6 **WHEREAS**, people who start drinking alcohol before the age of 15 are five times more
7 likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who start drinking at age 21; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the adults of Santa Fe can help reduce underage drinking of alcohol and
9 driving while intoxicated by modeling low risk alcohol usage behavior for the youth; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe recognizes the need to educate parents regarding the
11 dangers of underage drinking of alcohol such as the 10% reduction of the brain's hippocampus
12 that part of the brain responsible for learning.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
14 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City of Santa Fe supports the vision that in Santa Fe no one
15 drinks alcohol before the age of 21, adults model low risk alcohol use, and no one drinks alcohol
16 and drives.

17 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that:

18 1. This year and each year forward, the month of May shall be recognized by the
19 City of Santa Fe as "*Underage Drinking Prevention Month*"; and

20 2. Staff is directed during the month of May each year to use all methods of public
21 outreach available to the City including, but not limited to, press releases, website, public
22 television, city newsletters and city email in order to educate city employees and the city at large
23 regarding the dangers of alcohol and encourage them to proactively talk to their children
24 regarding these dangers.

25 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that for the safety of our community, underage

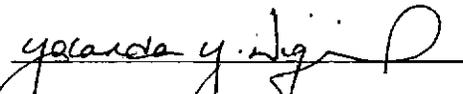
1 drinking of alcohol and drinking and driving laws will be consistently and rigorously enforced.

2 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2009.

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6 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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8 ATTEST:

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11 VOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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16 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY