

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-15**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

4 Councilor Bushee

5 Mayor Coss

6 Councilor Trujillo

7 Councilor Romero

8 Councilor Dominguez

9 Councilor Calvert

10 Councilor Wurzburger

11 **A RESOLUTION**

12 **REQUESTING THAT UPRIGHT HEADSTONES BE INSTALLED IN THE SANTA FE**
13 **NATIONAL CEMETERY.**

14 **WHEREAS**, in 1868, the Santa Fe National Cemetery was established by the federal
15 government for the reinterment of Union soldiers who died during the brief military activity in
16 the Santa Fe area; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe National Cemetery was designated a national cemetery in
18 April 1875; and

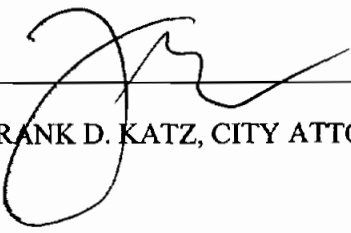
19 **WHEREAS**, the service of veterans has been vital to the history of the nation, and the
20 sacrifices made by veterans and their families should not be forgotten; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe National Cemetery consists of 78.6 acres with over 28,000
22 graves most of which are marked by upright headstones; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Congress adopted an amendment to the Veterans Benefits Act (1999) that
24 stated "... the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may provide for flat grave markers at the Santa Fe
25 National Cemetery, New Mexico"; and

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY