

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-6**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

4 Councilor Bushee

5 Mayor Coss

6 Councilor Calvert

7 Councilor Trujillo

8 Councilor Romero

9 Councilor Wurzbarger

10 Councilor Dominguez

11 **A RESOLUTION**

12 **RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COLLEGE OF SANTA FE TO THE**
13 **SANTA FE COMMUNITY AND EXTENDING THE CITY’S SUPPORT TO THE NEW**
14 **MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS**
15 **UNIVERSITY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING QUALITY**
16 **EDUCATION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN SANTA FE.**

17 **WHEREAS**, the College of Santa Fe is a private college founded in 1859 by the
18 Lasallian Brothers, a Catholic teaching order devoted to the following ideals still embraced on
19 campus today - excellence in teaching, service to the community, a holistic approach to learning,
20 and respectful, collegial relationships; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the College of Santa Fe is to empower students to lead
22 meaningful lives by offering them a strong liberal arts curriculum and distinguished programs in
23 the creative arts; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the College of Santa Fe offers 20 undergraduate majors; two master’s
25 programs; several certificate programs and is accredited by the North Central Association of

1 Colleges and Schools, is recognized by the New Mexico State Board of Education for teacher
2 certification and is approved for veteran's training; and

3 **WHEREAS**, approximately 1,900 students attend the College of Santa Fe - 750 in the
4 traditional program and 1,200 evening and weekend students in Santa Fe and Albuquerque; and

5 **WHEREAS**, there are 80 full-time faculty at the College of Santa Fe; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the College of Santa Fe is home to the Garson Studios, the only
7 professional soundstages on a college campus in the United States; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the College of Santa Fe has earned a national reputation for its visual arts,
9 theater, music, film, and creative writing programs; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the College's curriculum supports the city of Santa Fe's economic
11 development strategies; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the College of Santa Fe is struggling to insure the long term future of the
13 College and is now proposing to be incorporated into the State of New Mexico university system
14 and has identified the formal approvals necessary and the funding required to make this transition
15 a reality; and

16 **WHEREAS**, because of the College's long standing and key role in providing an
17 excellent four year education as well as various community activities and services in the city of
18 Santa Fe, the potential loss of the College is causing great concern from students, parents, faculty,
19 local organizations and entities as well as the community at large; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the College of Santa Fe is committed to finding a viable solution to
21 continue providing students a fulfilling academic experience and being a vital community asset in
22 Santa Fe; and


23 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe has supported the College of Santa Fe, in particular, by
24 approving Ordinance No. 2006-46 on August 9, 2006, authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds
25 for the College of Santa Fe project in the amount of \$25,000,000 which does not constitute any

1 liability of the City.

2 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
3 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the importance of the College of Santa Fe to the Santa Fe community
4 is hereby recognized and the City of Santa Fe supports the ongoing efforts currently undertaken
5 by the New Mexico Higher Education Department and New Mexico Highlands University to
6 establish a four year public university.

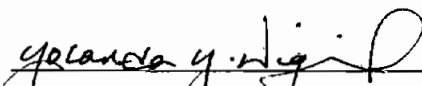
7 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Santa Fe extends its support to the
8 College of Santa Fe and is ready to assist the College in its efforts to continue providing quality
9 education and other activities in Santa Fe including, but not limited to, seeking funding from the
10 Legislature and the Office of the Governor to support the New Mexico Higher Education
11 Department's efforts.

12 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14th day of January, 2009.

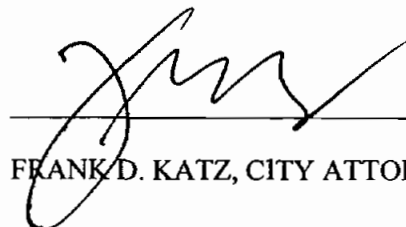
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15 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

16 ATTEST:

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19 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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23 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 Jp/ca/jpmb/2009 res/college of SF