

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-5**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

4 Councilor Dominguez  
5 Councilor Wurzburger  
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF SANTA FE COUNTY IN ORGANIZING A “YOUTH**  
12 **CAN DO IT” POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE; AND DIRECTING**  
13 **STAFF TO WORK WITH SANTA FE COUNTY TO INCORPORATE A WORKSHOP**  
14 **INTO THE CONFERENCE REGARDING CULTURAL IDENTITY/HISTORIC**  
15 **PRESERVATION.**  
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17 **WHEREAS**, youth represent 100% of the future of New Mexico and are our most  
18 precious resource; and

19 **WHEREAS**, youth need support, guidance and opportunities during adolescence; and

20 **WHEREAS**, helping young people to achieve their full potential is the best way to  
21 prevent youth from engaging in risky behaviors; and

22 **WHEREAS**, organizations and communities that promote positive youth development give  
23 youth the chance to exercise leadership, build skills and get involved in their community; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the nonpartisan National Academy of Sciences conducted a two year study  
25 to find out how effective community level programs are at helping youth; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the resulting report entitled *Community Programs to Promote Youth*  
2 *Development* (2002) concluded that “adolescents who spend time in communities that are rich in  
3 developmental opportunities...experience less risk and show evidence of higher rates of positive  
4 development”; and

5           **WHEREAS**, research into the efficacy of positive youth development continues at  
6 universities around the country and at organizations such as the Search Institute, Girl Scouts of  
7 the USA and 4-H; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County is organizing a “Youth Can Do It” youth development  
9 conference for two full days for 300 high school age students from Santa Fe, Rio Arriba,  
10 Torrance, Los Alamos and San Miguel Counties and surrounding pueblos and has dedicated  
11 \$10,000 for the conference; and

12           **WHEREAS**, cultural identity plays a major role in instilling positive development and  
13 self confidence in our youth and is defined by history, music, art, spirituality and traditions but  
14 also by the natural and built environment in which they live; and

15           **WHEREAS**, in the effort to build cultural identity among our youth, various local non-  
16 profit agencies could assist the city and county, including the Old Santa Fe Association whose  
17 mission is “to promote the prosperity and welfare of the City and County of Santa Fe and their  
18 inhabitants, to preserve and maintain the ancient landmarks, historical structures and traditions of  
19 Old Santa Fe and to guide their growth and development in such a way as to promote that unique  
20 charm and distinction, born of age, culture, tradition and environment, which are the priceless  
21 assets and heritage of Santa Fe”; and

22           **WHEREAS**, the key indicators for the success of this conference are: that youth have a voice;  
23 that there is high community and parental involvement; that social norms change; and that there is on-  
24 going adult support for youth; and


25           **WHEREAS**, the governing body of the city of Santa Fe desires to support and

1 collaborate with Santa Fe County in organizing the youth development conference and to  
2 incorporate a workshop on cultural identity/historic preservation.

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
4 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the governing body supports the efforts of Santa Fe County in  
5 organizing a "Youth Can Do It" Positive Youth Development Conference.

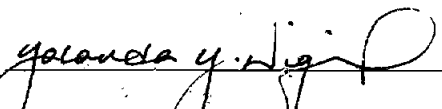
6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the governing body directs staff to work with the  
7 county staff to incorporate a workshop into the conference regarding cultural identity/historic  
8 preservation using the resources of the Old Santa Fe Association and other non-profits as  
9 appropriate and to establish specific expected outcomes of the conference.

10 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

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13 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

14 ATTEST:

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17 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

18 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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21 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *mb/ca/jpmb/2008 res/Youth Dev Conf historic pres*