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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-93**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Councilor Wurzbarger  
Mayor Coss

**A RESOLUTION**

**CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO ESTABLISH A LOW ALTITUDE TACTICAL NAVIGATION TRAINING AREA IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO SUBJECT TO THE NEPA PROCESS.**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Air Force is in the preliminary stages of an Environmental Assessment process on a proposal to establish a Low Altitude Tactical Navigation (LATN) training area in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado to accomplish unique special operations forces mobility training requirements; and.

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the city of Santa Fe have grown accustomed to the peaceful surroundings and quality of life that this area has to offer and they desire to keep that quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe is a world-renowned travel destination unparalleled in richness of history, heritage, arts and culture, nestled in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, the foothills of the Rockies, immersed in natural beauty, with an average of 325 days of sunshine and blue sky; and

**WHEREAS**, many national and international visitors travel to Santa Fe for the serenity

1 and peaceful life style; and

2           **WHEREAS**, the governing body of the city of Santa Fe supports the best possible  
3 training opportunities for the armed forces of the United States; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the mission being supported by the training in the LATN is the insertion  
5 and extraction of special forces teams at night, undetected, in weather, and across all types of  
6 terrain; and

7           **WHEREAS**, without the LATN, Air Force requirements dictate a daytime route survey  
8 flight prior to flying the route at night and due to resource constraints (flying hours available),  
9 this daytime requirement limits training to a set number of routes per year thus concentrating  
10 flight operations to the same terrain; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the LATN eliminates the daytime route survey flights thus proving greater  
12 flexibility and variation in designing routes so as to not concentrate operations and also, thus  
13 providing significantly more realistic training for these airmen; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the LATN still requires adherence to all federal aviation regulations (FAR)  
15 including altitude and airspeed restrictions; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the Air Force has stated its intent to avoid high population densities such as  
17 Santa Fe on these training missions; and

18           **WHEREAS**, the governing body of the city of Santa Fe supports the National  
19 Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process; and

20           **WHEREAS**, the governing body of the city of Santa Fe supports an Environmental  
21 Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) if the NEPA process deems that  
22 necessary, that determines the potential environmental and socioeconomic consequences of the  
23 proposed LATN training area in Northern New Mexico.

24           **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
25 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the city of Santa Fe supports the proposal of the United States Air

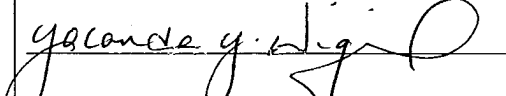
1 Force to establish a LATN training area in Northern New Mexico but only if an Environmental  
2 Assessment is conducted that specifically (1) identifies potential impacts to Northern New  
3 Mexico and to the city of Santa Fe and (2) determines appropriate mitigation measures for those  
4 impacts. Such impacts include, but are not limited to, possible detrimental effects to airspace/air  
5 traffic, noise levels, public safety, air quality, physical sciences, biological sciences, cultural and  
6 historic resources, land use and recreation, tourism and other socioeconomic elements and the  
7 peaceful and quiet enjoyment of affected areas, as well as possible increases in forest fires due to  
8 aircraft crashes or flare use.

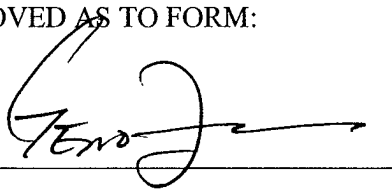
9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the city of Santa Fe supports adoption of LATN  
10 training area specified as Alternative 1.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this  
12 resolution to the United States Air Force at Cannon Air Force Base and to Santa Fe's  
13 congressional delegation.

14 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2010.

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17 ATTEST: DAVID COZZ, MAYOR  
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20 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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24 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY