

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2010 - 95**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Wurzburger

6 Councilor Bushee

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING THE STATE'S DRUG COURT PROGRAM AND REQUESTING THAT**
12 **FUNDING FOR THE DRUG COURT PROGRAM BE A STATE PRIORITY.**

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14 **WHEREAS**, residential burglaries in the city of Santa Fe have increased by 36% through
15 September of this year compared to the same period in 2009 while auto burglaries have increased
16 by about 24%; and

17 **WHEREAS**, former Santa Fe County Sheriff Greg Solano, Santa Fe Police Chief Aric
18 Wheeler, District Attorney Angela "Spence" Pacheco, and District Court Judge Michael E. Vigil
19 attest to the fact that drugs are the prime motivator for residential and car burglaries in Santa Fe; and

20 **WHEREAS**, drug courts are designed to provide community-based treatment and
21 supervision to selected offenders who are identified as having substance abuse issues; and

22 **WHEREAS**, drug courts work closely with the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys,
23 probation/parole authorities and other corrections personnel, law enforcement, pre-trial service
24 agencies, law enforcement, vocational rehabilitation, education and housing, and treatment
25 providers; and

1 **WHEREAS**, statistics show that, of the 300 criminals who have passed through a drug
2 court program, only 12% have re-offended, while 40% of criminals sent to prison have re-
3 offended; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the cost of the drug court program is estimated to be around \$2,200 per
5 person per year compared to around \$30,000 for incarceration; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Neighborhood Network sponsored a recent event, *Crime &*
7 *Justice: A Town Forum on Crime in our Neighborhoods*, that was attended by city and county
8 officials, public school officials and over 120 neighbors from every part of Santa Fe; and

9 **WHEREAS**, it seemed obvious to everyone at the forum that the drug court program is a
10 long-term solution to crime in our neighborhoods and the community at large, yet state funding
11 has been cut for the program; and

12 **WHEREAS**, by unanimous vote of those in attendance at the forum it was agreed to
13 petition the Governor asking for help to reduce crime in our neighborhoods by restoring funding
14 to the drug court program through the use of stimulus funds and available discretionary monies.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
16 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that although the state of New Mexico has many critical financial needs,
17 the Governing Body supports the state's drug court program as part of the community's ongoing
18 efforts to reduce crime and respectfully requests that funding for the drug court program be a state
19 priority.

20 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to give a copy of
21 this resolution to the Governor.

22 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 8th day of December, 2010.

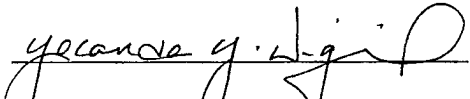
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25 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

1 ATTEST:

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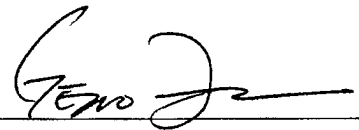

4 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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6 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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9 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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