

1 `CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-98**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Calvert
6 Councilor Trujillo
7 Councilor Dominguez

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH**
12 **THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS THAT WOULD COMMIT THE**
13 **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS TO INSTALL ALL FUTURE**
14 **HEADSTONES AT THE SANTA FE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE UPRIGHT**
15 **POSITION.**

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

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

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

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

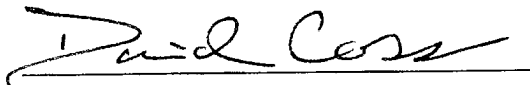
1 **WHEREAS**, although the use of flat markers does not diminish the cemetery's stature as
2 a national shrine, veterans and their families in Santa Fe have requested that only upright
3 headstones be installed at the Santa Fe National Cemetery; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on January 28, 2009, the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe unanimously
5 approved Resolution No. 2009-15 and on behalf of veterans and their families, the City of Santa Fe
6 respectfully requested from New Mexico's Congressional Delegation, the U.S. Department of Veteran's
7 Affairs and the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services that the necessary steps be taken so that
8 upright headstones are installed in the Santa Fe National Cemetery; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Veteran's affairs have indicated that a memorandum of
10 understanding would be an acceptable mechanism to ensure the commitment that all headstones
11 in the future are in the upright position.

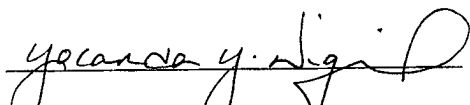
12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
13 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that staff is directed to prepare a memorandum of understanding with the
14 U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs that would commit the U.S. Department of Veteran's
15 Affairs to install all future headstones at the Santa Fe National Cemetery in the upright position.

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

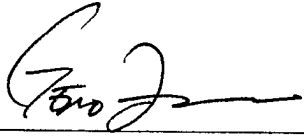
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20 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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25 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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4 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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