

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-83**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 **Councilor Calvert**

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **ENCOURAGING NEW MEXICO'S UNITED STATES SENATORS TO SUPPORT**
12 **LEGISLATION TO CREATE A COMMUNITY BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION**
13 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, the topography of New Mexico is known for its varied nature including
16 desert terrain, broken mesas, wooded forest, and mountain peaks as well as the Rio Grande which
17 flows from the San Juan Mountains in Colorado to the Gulf of Mexico, running through the
18 middle of New Mexico, from north to south; and

19 **WHEREAS**, this topography presents New Mexico residents with an on-going
20 vulnerability to several types of natural hazards; and

21 **WHEREAS**, New Mexico's All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan ("AHEO Plan"),
22 Interim July 2004 (and under current revision), promulgated by the New Mexico Department of
23 Public Safety's Office of Emergency Management acknowledges the potential threat of the
24 traditional spectrum of manmade and natural hazards; and

25 **WHEREAS**, five categories of natural hazards have been identified as the most probable

1 to have an impact on New Mexico; and

2 **WHEREAS**, such categories include weather hazards, hydrologic hazards, wildfire
3 hazards, geologic hazards and public health hazards; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the AHEO Plan establishes the state of New Mexico's response to
5 emergencies/disasters that provides for the safety and welfare of citizens; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the AHEO Plan outlines the responsibilities, tasks, and interface between
7 state organizations, local governments, and the federal government and addresses the need for
8 mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities that increase the state's capability to
9 cope with emergencies or disasters; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the impact of recent natural disasters that have occurred throughout the
11 United States and the potential for future natural disasters has clearly demonstrated to the nation
12 the need for heightened local, state and federal attention to coordinated measures to mitigate the
13 impact of natural hazards on our communities, as well as demonstrated significant need for
14 availability of resources for the effective work of building code authorities; and

15 **WHEREAS**, jurisdictional adoption of modern building codes must be coupled with
16 responsible and effective local administration of those codes by state and local building and fire
17 code officials for the maximum benefits of those codes to be realized in local building safety,
18 enhanced property values, energy efficiency and hazard mitigation; and

19 **WHEREAS**, effectively enforced building and fire codes is one of the best means of
20 protecting New Mexico's citizens and visitors from natural and manmade disasters that impact
21 our homes, businesses, schools, places of worship, and all other types of construction in the built-
22 environment; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in 2005, the National Institute for Building Safety reported, in their
24 congressionally-mandated NIBS Report of the Multihazard Mitigation Council, that for each
25 federal dollar spent on mitigation the federal government saves nearly four dollars in future

1 disaster recovery expenses; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the International Code Council has proposed legislation to create a
3 Community Building Code Administration Grant program designed to provide competitively
4 evaluated federal grants, locally matched, to local governments who seek to build-up or improve
5 their local code administration and enforcement capabilities; and

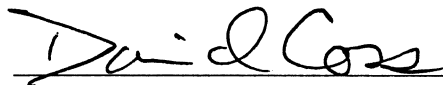
6 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Chapter of Building Officials of the International Code
7 Council, as an assembly of New Mexicans and as professionals in building safety and fire
8 prevention, supports the introduction, passage and funding of a Community Building Code
9 Administration Grant program such as that proposed by the International Code Council.

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
11 **CITY OF SANTA FE that:**

12 1. Senator Pete Domenici and Senator Jeff Bingaman are strongly encouraged to
13 support the introduction, passage and funding of a Community Building Code Administration
14 Grant program such as that proposed by the International Code Council.

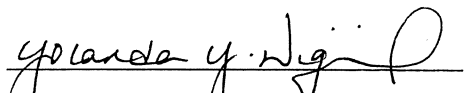
15 2. Staff is directed to send this resolution to: the Honorable Pete Domenici, United
16 States Senate and the Honorable Jeff Bingaman, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

17 **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 26th day of September, 2007.**

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21 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

22 ATTEST:

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25 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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