CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Bushee
Councilor Trujillo
Councilor Dominguez
Councilor Calvert

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO RESEARCH THE ADOPTION OF A CITIZENS ON PATROL PROGRAM THAT WOULD ALLOW CITIZENS TO ASSIST THE SANTA FE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MAKING SANTA FE A SAFER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

WHEREAS, Citizens on Patrol (COP) is a concept that has evolved over the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 75,000 citizens acting as volunteers, working hand-in-hand with police departments around the world; and

WHEREAS, COP volunteers act as eyes and ears for a police agency; and

WHEREAS, patrols are conducted using the volunteers for the purpose of making their community a safer place in which to live.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that staff is directed to research the adoption of a Citizens on Patrol Program comprised of citizens within the jurisdiction of the City of Santa Fe who have a vested interest in our community; who would be willing to be receive public safety training; and who
have an interest in making the city of Santa Fe a safer place in which to live.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such research shall include, without limitation, issues regarding liability, screening of volunteers, successes and failures of other COP programs and the costs associated with implementation and continuing operation of a COP program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff is directed to contact other municipalities, including without limitation, the City of Ft. Worth, Texas to discuss their COP programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Fe Police Department is directed to report their findings to the Governing Body within sixty days of the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 25th day of July, 2007.

David Coss

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

VOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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