

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2007-62

3 INTRODUCED BY:

4 Councilor Dominguez

5 Councilor Bushee

6 Councilor Calvert

7 Councilor Trujillo

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10 A RESOLUTION

11 FURTHERING THE CITY'S EFFORTS TO MAKE SANTA FE A CHILDREN AND
12 YOUTH FRIENDLY COMMUNITY.

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14 WHEREAS, the city recognizes its role in providing a safe and nurturing environment
15 for children and youth which encourages positive behavior and healthy development; and

16 WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe fiscal impact report for resolutions and ordinances
17 requires a community impact statement of the positive and negative effects of legislation on
18 families and schools; and

19 WHEREAS, the governing body's recent strategic planning process identified "ensuring
20 futures for youth" as one of its nine initiatives; and

21 WHEREAS, the 2006 state of the city address as presented by the mayor included youth
22 as one of the city's top three priorities; and

23 WHEREAS, many resolutions adopted by the governing body call for family friendly
24 policies; and

25 WHEREAS, according to UNICEF child friendly cities guidelines, children's rights

1 include the ability to:

- 2 1. Influence decisions about their city,
- 3 2. Express their opinion on the city they want,
- 4 3. Participate in family, community and social life,
- 5 4. Receive basic services such as health care and education,
- 6 5. Drink safe water and have access to proper sanitation,
- 7 6. Be protected from exploitation, violence and abuse,
- 8 7. Walk safely in the streets on their own,
- 9 8. Meet friends and play,
- 10 9. Have green spaces for plants and animals,
- 11 10. Live in an unpolluted environment,
- 12 11. Participate in cultural and social events,
- 13 12. Be an equal citizen of their city with access to every service, regardless of ethnic
- 14 origin, religion, income gender or disability; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the city of Santa Fe has a long history of supporting children and youth, via
16 activities, events, programs and services; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the city's children and youth commission has developed plans and policies
18 which seek to improve the lives of local children and recommends funding to support non-profit
19 and school programs that work for children and youth, birth through age 21; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the city wants young people to feel welcome at city events and in city
21 facilities and to feel that they are an important part of the community; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the city has already responded to requests by young people for places and
23 facilities specifically designed for youth activities that accommodate differences in age, size and
24 interests.

25 **WHEREAS**, on April 12 and 20, 2007, the city held a youth summit and after which a

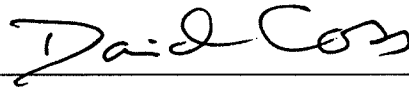
1 report was prepared and presented by the youth to the Governing Body on June 13, 2007.

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

4 1. City departments and divisions should consider the effects on children and youth
5 in all aspects of their work.

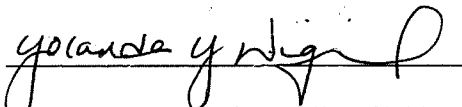
6 2. The city manager is directed to establish a working group of city staff, meeting
7 with community experts, in order to identify specific action steps or projects that can be
8 implemented to further the city's efforts to make Santa Fe a children and youth friendly
9 community based on the UNICEF guidelines described above and the city's adopted children and
10 youth commission plans.

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

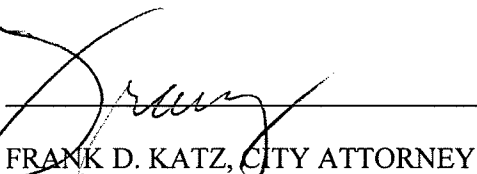
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15 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

16 ATTEST:

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19 VOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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23 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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