CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-62

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Dominguez
Councilor Bushee
Councilor Calvert
Councilor Trujillo

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the governing body’s recent strategic planning process identified “ensuring futures for youth” as one of its nine initiatives; and

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

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

WHEREAS, according to UNICEF child friendly cities guidelines, children’s rights
include the ability to:

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on April 12 and 20, 2007, the city held a youth summit and after which a
report was prepared and presented by the youth to the Governing Body on June 13, 2007.

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

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

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

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

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

VOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY