CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-43

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Heldmeyer
Councilor Calvert

A RESOLUTION

CREATING AN OFFICE OF FIRE CHAPLAIN.

WHEREAS, the chaplain of a fire department is one of the most vital positions in the fire service; and

WHEREAS, fire chaplain is a job that is demanding, confidential, trusting, and needful for the lives of firefighters and their families; and

WHEREAS, a Fire Department chaplain could provide on the scene and off the scene grief and trauma counseling to the victims, families and witnesses of the devastating ravages of fire, especially in the event of death of Fire Department personnel and fire victims; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is in need of a chaplain to provide “first responder” assistance to Fire Department personnel, including providing on the scene and off the scene counseling and assistance that reinforces the efforts of Fire Department personnel to perform their jobs; and

WHEREAS, a Fire Department chaplain could also serve as non-emergency support for Fire Department personnel.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body endorses and creates an unpaid, ex officio position
within the Fire Department for a fire chaplain.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 20th day of May, 2007.

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY