RESOLUTION NO. 2007-15

INTRODUCED BY:

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Miguel Chavez

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO PLAN A CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE PASSAGE OF THE FIRST HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE IN
SANTA FE.

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe is the oldest capital city in the United States and one of
the oldest continually inhabited cities in the country; and

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe has a set of regional architectural styles that have
evolved over time to become a unique vernacular architecture; and

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe has been a leader in preserving its unique architectural
heritage; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, the city of Santa Fe passed its first historic preservation ordinance,
the Historic Styles Ordinance, which is believed to be only the second such ordinance passed
anywhere in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the authors of this ordinance were Oliver La Farge, Sam Montoya, John
Gaw Meem, and Irene von Horvath; and
WHEREAS, Ms. von Horvath is still an active member of the community; and

WHEREAS, that ordinance has evolved over the years in response to new thinking and
new research in the field of preservation to become the Historic Districts Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Districts Ordinance has allowed Santa Fe to preserve its unique
architecture and become a model for historic preservation to municipalities in the rest of the
country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE that the governing body recognizes the importance of the fiftieth
anniversary of Santa Fe’s Historic Districts Ordinance and directs staff to create a fitting
celebration of that anniversary.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 31st day of January 2007.

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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