CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-6

INTRODUCED BY:

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A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING STATEWIDE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROTECT KIDS, WORKERS, AND PEOPLE WITH BREATHING PROBLEMS BY ELIMINATING SMOKING IN WORKPLACES – INCLUDING RESTAURANTS, BARS, OFFICES AND OTHER INDOOR PUBLIC PLACES.

WHEREAS, the United States Surgeon General has declared that there is NO safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, which remains a leading cause of preventable death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has warned that all patients at increased risk of coronary heart disease or with known coronary artery disease should avoid any indoor environments in which smoking occurs; and

WHEREAS, nonsmokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke increase their risk of developing heart disease by 25-30%; and

WHEREAS, children who breathe secondhand smoke are more likely to suffer from serious and costly illnesses including pneumonia, bronchitis, asthma, and middle-ear infections;
and

WHEREAS, employees such as waiters, waitresses, and bartenders who have exposure
to secondhand smoke on a daily basis are twice as likely to fall victim to a heart attack and are
nearly twice as likely to develop lung cancer due to involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke;
and

WHEREAS, the United States Surgeon General has declared the only effective way to
prevent secondhand smoke exposure for workers indoors is to provide completely smoke-free
workplace environments; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke can trigger serious adult breathing problems including
asthma and allergies and make it dangerous for persons with breathing problems to access indoor
places where smoking is permitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body supports the New Mexicans Concerned
About Tobacco (NMCAT), the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and
the American Lung Association in supporting a strong statewide law that protects kids, workers,
and people with breathing problems from secondhand smoke in public places and workplaces,
including restaurants and bars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such statewide law would not preempt local
communities from adopting local policies expanding statewide secondhand smoke protections.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2007.

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DAVID COSS, MAYOR
ATTEST:

Yolanda Y. Vigil, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Frank D. Katz, City Attorney