CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 1 **RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 4** 2 INTRODUCED BY: 3 4 **Mayor Coss** 5 Councilor Calvert 6 Councilor Bushee 7 8 9 A RESOLUTION 10 SUPPORTING THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HISTORIC SOUTHWEST 11 REGION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE 12 NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL OFFICE BUILDING IN SANTA FE, NEW 13 14 MEXICO. 15 WHEREAS, in 1939, the Southwest Region of the National Park Service was relocated 16 to Santa Fe and housed in a newly completed office building constructed by enrollees from the 17 New Mexico Civilian Conservation Corp and the Works Progress Administration; and 18 WHEREAS, following an evaluation of its field operation in 1995, the National Park 19 Service reduced the number of its regional offices, from ten to seven, requiring the redistribution 20 of the almost 400 National Park units among the remaining regions; and 21 WHEREAS, despite their historic tenure, the Southwest Region and its Regional Office 22 were among those abolished and their park units combined with those of the Rocky Mountain 23 Region to its north to form a new region named the Intermountain Region with headquarters in 24

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Denver, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the 1995 reorganization, the Southwest Region was responsible for 40 park units in the states of New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and the northeastern part of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the Intermountain Region is now the largest region in the National Park
Service with 92 park units in eight states, ranging from Glacier National Park in Montana to Big
Bend National Park in Texas, comprising almost one-quarter of the parks in the entire National
Park Service; and

WHEREAS, the Intermountain Region is deemed by professionals with extensive National Park Service backgrounds as being too large to effectively manage the Region's parks and that the Regional Office in Denver is too distant from the Region's southern parks, resulting in diminished support and service to many of its units, in particular the archeological and cultural parks of the former Southwest Region that have required specialized preservation and conservation care; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Regional Office is the largest secular adobe office building in the United States, a masterpiece of Spanish-Pueblo revival architecture, a keystone in the administrative history of the National Park Service, an important complement to the history and architecture of Santa Fe, a National Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the abolishment of the Southwest Regional Office has affected the economy of the local community as most of its former functions have now been transferred to the new Intermountain Regional Office in Denver threatening the continued viability of the Santa Fe building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that it applauds and supports the local efforts to request that the National Park Service reverse its reorganization of 1995 and restore the historic Southwest Region of the National Park Service and its equally historic Southwest Regional Office building in Santa Fe,

1	New Mexico.
2	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
3	President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the National Park Service,
4	the New Mexico Congressional Delegation and the Governor of the State of New Mexico.
5	PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 26th day of January, 2011.
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