

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-52**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Calvert
6 Mayor Coss
7 Councilor Bushee
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING THE BANNING OF INHUMANE ANIMAL TRAPPING ON NEW MEXICO**
12 **PUBLIC LANDS THROUGH THE USE OF STEEL-JAW TRAPS, KILL-TYPE TRAPS,**
13 **SNARE TRAPS, AND ANY MODIFIED VERSION OF SUCH TRAPS.**
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15 **WHEREAS**, commercial and recreational trapping of furbearing animals using hidden and
16 unmarked strangulation snares, steel-jaw and other body-gripping animal traps is permitted on many
17 of New Mexico's public lands, including in the nearby Santa Fe National Forest; and

18 **WHEREAS**, strangulation snares, steel-jaw and other body-gripping animal traps are not
19 particular about the age, sex or species they capture; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the use of such traps on public lands results in the unnecessary pain, suffering,
21 maiming and killing of untold numbers of "non-target" animals, including domestic dogs and cats,
22 rabbits, deer, songbirds, eagles, owls, hawks, and all manner of threatened and endangered species;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, millions of people and numerous organizations, including the American
25 Veterinarian Association, the American Animal Hospital Association, the World Veterinary

1 Association, and the National Animal Control Association, have declared steel-jaw traps to be
2 inhumane; and

3 **WHEREAS**, trappers are not required to mark the location of their set traps hidden on New
4 Mexico public lands, including near hiking trails, water sources, campgrounds and recreation areas;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, humans have suffered injuries and companion animals have been injured,
7 maimed and killed by hidden and unmarked steel-jaw traps on public land in New Mexico; and

8 **WHEREAS**, tourism to northern New Mexico is of major economic benefit and concern to
9 the City of Santa Fe and its merchants and residents; and

10 **WHEREAS**, ending the use of strangulation snares, steel-jaw and other body-gripping
11 animal traps on New Mexico's public lands will benefit the City by eliminating a practice that takes
12 away from the tourist-friendly environment of Santa Fe and region, resulting in an even greater
13 appreciation of the outstanding natural environment that includes and surrounds our City.

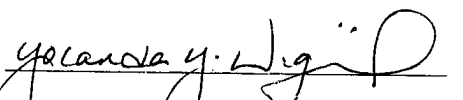
14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
15 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body supports the banning of animal trapping on New
16 Mexico public lands through the use of steel-jaw traps, kill-type traps, snare traps, and any modified
17 version of any such traps.

18 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of September, 2011.

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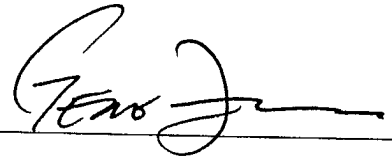
21 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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25 YOLANDA V. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY