

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

2                                   **RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 111**

3                                   **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5                                   Councilor Trujillo  
6                                   Councilor Romero  
7                                   Mayor Coss  
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10                                   **A RESOLUTION**

11 **RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE RIVER FESTIVAL AND FISHING DERBY AS**  
12 **AN ANNUAL EVENT TO BE HELD ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN JUNE, BEGINNING**  
13 **IN 2009 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER.**  
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15                   **WHEREAS**, on May 31, 2008 the River Festival, organized by the Santa Fe Watershed  
16 Association and sponsored by the City of Santa Fe was held at Alto Park; and

17                   **WHEREAS**, on May 31, 2008 the Fishing Derby, organized by the City in conjunction with  
18 the New Mexico Game and Fish Department (“Game and Fish”), was held at the State Land Office  
19 (“Land Office”) land on Alameda; and

20                   **WHEREAS**, both events drew out hundreds of people from our community; and

21                   **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body believes that combining the River Festival and the Fishing  
22 Derby would create greater awareness of the river, its problems and potential, celebrate the Santa Fe  
23 River and its historic and present roles in the community, promote the diversity of cultures, bring  
24 together different segments of the community, and provide entertainment and fun for the whole  
25 family; and

1           **WHEREAS**, if the River Festival and Fishing Derby are held on the same day, there would  
2 be potential for the events to be part of a “river awareness week” that could include a walk or run,  
3 interpretive tours highlighting the cultural and economic connections, restoration activities and school  
4 presentations; and

5           **WHEREAS**, combining both events would be an efficient use of Game & Fish, Land Office,  
6 and City staff time and resources as many of the duties would be the same: habitat preparation, stream  
7 flow monitoring, promotion, permitting, stocking fish, staffing on the day, and clean-up before and  
8 after the event; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Game & Fish supports a River Festival and Fishing Derby; and

10           **WHEREAS**, Game & Fish requests continued flexibility in determining the location of the  
11 Fishing Derby to have beneficial habitat and water quality for stocking fish; and

12           **WHEREAS**, management of reservoir releases can be planned to accommodate the Fishing  
13 Derby if the date and location is known in advance; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the release of water by the City for a Fishing Derby could impact the City’s  
15 ability to prioritize surface water for water supply use, until the Buckman Direct Diversion Project is  
16 on-line and in production; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the City’s Sangre de Cristo Water Division’s Long Range Water Supply Plan  
18 identifies the release of 1000 acre feet for the Santa Fe River to begin after the Buckman Direct  
19 Diversion Project is on-line, in production, and fully operational; and

20           **WHEREAS**, promotion of the event could be created and distributed ahead of time with the  
21 date and location, increasing publicity to allow a greater number of people to become aware of and  
22 attend the event; and

23           **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Watershed Association is committed to continuing the River  
24 Festival and will commit staff to the organization and facilitation of the event; and

25           **WHEREAS**, the River Commission; the Parks, Trails, and Watershed Division; and the

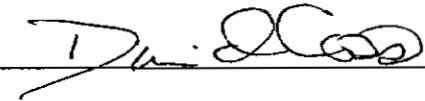
1 Santa Fe Watershed Association support the idea of combining both events; and

2 WHEREAS, the Parks, Trails, and Watershed staff, the current Youth Job Skills Training  
3 Contractors, Adopt-the-River Stewards, and the Land Office will be maintaining the Santa Fe River  
4 corridor in order to provide a clean, comfortable, safe place to fish and hold the festival.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
6 CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body designates the first Saturday in June, beginning in  
7 2009 and every year thereafter, as the day to recognize and celebrate the Santa Fe River by combining  
8 the River Festival and Fishing Derby as an annual event and commits to releasing the necessary acre  
9 feet of water from the reservoirs in support of the event. Under drought or emergency management  
10 water supply conditions, as determined by the City's Sangre de Cristo Water Division the release of  
11 water to the Santa Fe River for the Fishing Derby may be suspended.

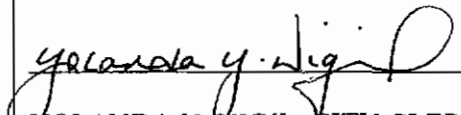
12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff work with Game & Fish to secure the  
13 necessary stock of recreational fish for the Fishing Derby event.

14 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

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17 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

18 ATTEST:

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20 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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23 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *mdb/ca/JEP&MDB/Resolutions2008/river festival-fishing derby (10-24-08)*