



1 well-defined neighborhood; and

2           **WHEREAS**, although the Santa Fe community is working very hard on various fronts to  
3 overcome these community conditions, gangs are increasingly committing crimes in our  
4 community and throughout the state; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the proliferation of gang problems in large and small cities, suburbs, and  
6 even rural areas over the last two decades led to the development of a comprehensive,  
7 coordinated response to America’s gang problem by the Office of Juvenile Justice and  
8 Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) that has responded with, among other things, the  
9 implementation and operation of the National Youth Gang Center (NYGC); and

10           **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the NYGC is to assist policymakers, practitioners, and  
11 researchers in their efforts to reduce youth gang involvement and crime by contributing  
12 information, resources, practical tools, and expertise towards the development and  
13 implementation of effective gang prevention, intervention, and suppression strategies; and

14           **WHEREAS**, specific gang related state laws can be one of the key gang prevention,  
15 intervention and suppression strategies; and

16           **WHEREAS**, on August 14<sup>th</sup> 2008, the New Mexico Municipal League adopted  
17 Resolution No. 2008-51 supporting legislation to reduce gang activity.

18           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
19 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the New Mexico State Legislature is strongly urged to adopt gang  
20 related legislation.

21           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:**

22           1.       Staff is directed to send copies of this resolution to our state legislative  
23 delegation, the governor and the city’s lobbyist.

24           2.       Staff is directed to work with our state legislative delegation, state agencies and  
25 local and national organizations to develop proposed legislation to strengthen state and local laws

1 specifically related to gang prevention, intervention and suppression.

2 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2008.

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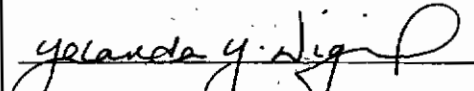
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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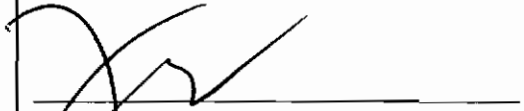
  
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10 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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15 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 Jp/ca/jpmb/2008 res/ gang related legislation