1	CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
2	RESOLUTION NO. 2008-109
3	INTRODUCED BY:
4	Councilor Dominguez
5	Councilor Trujillo
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10	A RESOLUTION
11	URGING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT GANG RELATED
12	LEGISLATION.
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14	WHEREAS, gang prevention legislation is gaining momentum, with nearly one-fourth
15	of all states having passed gang prevention laws; and
16	WHEREAS, 46 states and the District of Columbia (DC) have enacted some form of
17	legislation relating to gangs; and
18	WHEREAS, one-half of the states have laws that provide for enhanced penalties for
19	gang-related criminal acts; and
20	WHEREAS, certain community conditions must exist for gangs to take root: first,
21	conventional socializing agents, such as families and schools, are largely ineffective and
22	alienating; second, the adolescents must have a great deal of free time that is not consumed by
23	other prosocial roles; third, for the gang to become established—if not fully institutionalized
24	across generations—members must have limited access to appealing conventional career lines,
25	that is, good adult jobs; and finally, the young people must have a place to congregate—usually a

well-defined neighborhood; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

## AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- 1. Staff is directed to send copies of this resolution to our state legislative delegation, the governor and the city's lobbyist.
- 2. Staff is directed to work with our state legislative delegation, state agencies and local and national organizations to develop proposed legislation to strengthen state and local laws

l	specifically related to gang prevention, intervention and suppression.
2	PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2008.
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25	Jp/ca/jpmb/2008 res/ gang related legislation