

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-105

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Coss

Councilor Wurzbarger

Councilor Calvert

Councilor Romero

Councilor Bushee

A RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING STAFF TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNING BODY
REGARDING THE CREATION OF A MEMORIAL TO HONOR TONY HILLERMAN, AN
AWARD-WINNING NEW MEXICO AUTHOR, WHO FOR PART OF HIS LIFE RESIDED
IN SANTA FE.**

WHEREAS, Tony Hillerman was born on May 27, 1925 in Sacred Heart, Oklahoma and passed away on October 26, 2008 in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Hillerman was educated at a school for Indian girls, which inspired his respect for Indian society; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, Hillerman joined the U.S. Army, serving in combat in World War II; he was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart after being wounded in 1945; and he was discharged in 1945; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, Hillerman started his writing career as a journalist and moved to Santa Fe in 1954 to work as a reporter for United Press International and he later became editor of *The New Mexican* and won numerous awards for his news stories and editorials; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Hillerman left the newspaper business in the 1960s to join the staff at the
2 University of New Mexico, where he earned a master's degree in English and taught journalism; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1970, Hillerman published *The Blessing Way*, the first of 17 novels that
4 tracked tribal police officers Joe Leaphorn and Jimmy Chee through the wide-open Navajo landscape;
5 the series was among more than 30 books he wrote; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Hillerman is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marie, and their six children, 10
7 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

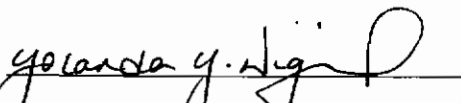
8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
9 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that within 30 days of adoption of this resolution, staff is directed to make
10 recommendations to the Governing Body regarding the creation of a memorial to honor Tony
11 Hillerman, an award-winning New Mexico author who for part of his life resided in Santa Fe.

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

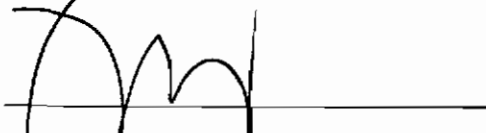
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15 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

16 ATTEST:

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19 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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24 FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY
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