

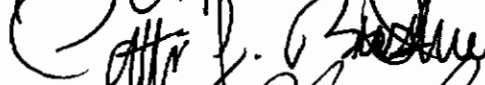
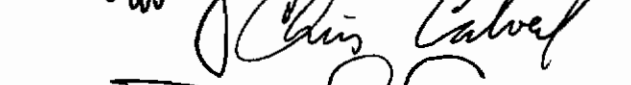
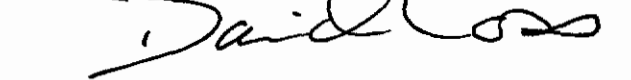


1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 59

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10 A RESOLUTION

11 ACKNOWLEDGING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND
12 ENCOURAGING OUR COMMUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE GREAT
13 CONTRIBUTIONS OF HISPANICS TO OUR CITY.

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15 WHEREAS, *National Hispanic Heritage Month* is an opportunity to recognize the
16 contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States and to celebrate Hispanic heritage and
17 culture; and

18 WHEREAS, the observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President
19 Lyndon Johnson; and

20 WHEREAS, on September 15, 1988, President Ronald Reagan expanded a one-week
21 national observance of Hispanic contributions to one month, beginning on September 15 and
22 ending on October 15; and

23 WHEREAS, such action was enacted into Federal law on August 17, 1988 on the
24 approval of Public Law 100-402; and

25 WHEREAS, September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because

1 that day is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El
2 Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and
4 September 18, respectively; and

5 **WHEREAS**, October 12, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, also falls within this 30 day
6 period; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the community is currently planning the anniversary of the founding of La
8 Villa Real de la Santa Fe, honoring 400 years of Hispano history and culture beginning with the
9 settlement of Santa Fe by families from Spain; and

10 **WHEREAS**, through hard work, faith, and a deep love of family, Hispanics have
11 pursued their dreams and contributed to the strength and vitality of our community; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Hispanics have excelled in business, law, politics, education, community
13 service, the arts, science, and many other fields; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Hispanic entrepreneurs are also helping build a better, more hopeful future
15 for all by creating jobs not only in our city, but across our Nation; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the number of Hispanic-owned businesses is growing at three times the
17 national rate; and

18 **WHEREAS**, an increasing numbers of Hispanics own their own homes; and

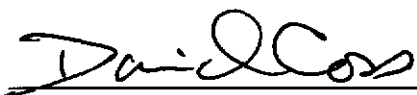
19 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe continues to be enriched through the strong work-
20 ethic, positive family values and positive Hispanic contributions to our community; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Public Law 100-402 authorizes and requests the President of the United
22 States to issue an annual proclamation regarding *National Hispanic Heritage Month* and in doing
23 so calls upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to
24 observe National Hispanic Heritage Month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and
25 programs.

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
2 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body acknowledges the great contributions of
3 Hispanics to our city and hereby endorses *National Hispanic Heritage Month*, from September 15
4 through October 15 as an annual event, to be recognized as a time for the City of Santa Fe, local
5 governmental entities, educators, librarians, and all the people of our community to observe
6 *Hispanic Heritage Month* with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

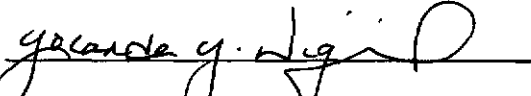
7 **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 9th day of July, 2008.

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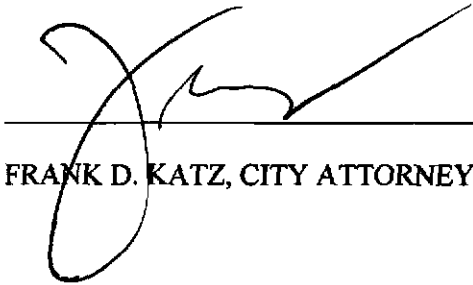
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY