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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-23

INTRODUCED BY:

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A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE UNITED STATES PARK SERVICE'S
"OLD SANTA FE TRAIL BUILDING" AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.

WHEREAS, the Old Santa Fe Trail Building was constructed in 1937-1939 through the efforts of the Civilian Conservation Corps (the "CCC") and the Works Progress Administration (the "WPA"), two federal government organizations that offered meaningful employment and cultural uplift to millions during the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, since 1939, this building has served as the regional headquarters for the National (now United States) Parks Service; and

WHEREAS, this building is an outstanding example of institutional adobe architecture, reflecting the natural vernacular architecture of New Mexico and the Southwest; and

WHEREAS, the exterior of this building has been preserved by the United States Parks Service since 1939, and is virtually unchanged since its original design and construction; and

WHEREAS, the interior of this building has been designed to reflect that same vernacular architecture and contains furniture and artwork emblematic of New Mexico and the

1 Southwest; and

2 **WHEREAS**, much of that furniture and artwork was also produced by the artisans of the
3 CCC and the WPA, and the United States Parks Service has protected and preserved these
4 artifacts as part of their mission to preserve this building; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Old Santa Fe Trail Building was designated as a National Historic
6 Landmark in 1989 by the Secretary of the Interior; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Congress is now being asked to designate the Old Santa Fe Trail Building
8 as a National Historic Site to honor the work of all of those who lent their talents and labor to the
9 CCC and the WPA; and

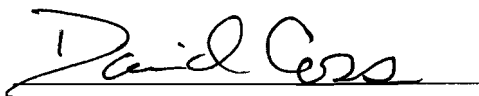
10 **WHEREAS**, the story of this era of our nation's history needs to be documented and
11 celebrated before those who worked in the CCC and the WPA pass from the scene; and

12 **WHEREAS**, there is no more fitting site to educate the future about the deeds of these
13 important groups, and to honor their memory, than in the magnificent building which they
14 created.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
16 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the governing body of the city of Santa Fe urges the Congress of the
17 United States to designate the Old Santa Fe Trail Building as the "CCC and WPA Historic Site",
18 to honor all of those who participated in these government programs in the wonderful building
19 and among the wonderful artifacts that they helped create.

20 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2008.

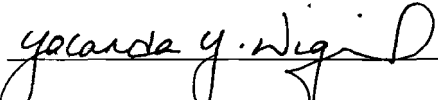
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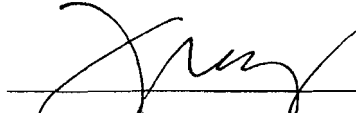
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ATTEST:



YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY

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