## CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 1 2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-13** 3 **INTRODUCED BY:** 4 Doil Con 5 6 7 8 9 A RESOLUTION 10 DIRECTING STAFF TO BEGIN THE PROCESS FOR THE CITY OF SANTA FE TO 11 ACQUIRE ST. CATHERINE'S INDUSTRIAL INDIAN SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR THE 12 PUBLIC PURPOSES OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION, PROMOTING ARTS EDUCATION 13 IN THE CITY AND LEASING THE PROPERTY TO THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR 14 THE ARTS, A NEW MEXICO STATE CHARTER SCHOOL. 15 16 WHEREAS, St. Catherine's Industrial Indian School ("St. Catherine's") was the first school 17 18 in a nationwide system of schools dedicated to the education of Native Americans and African 19 Americans; and WHEREAS, St. Catherine's was in existence from 1887 to 1998 when the Sisters of the 20 Blessed Sacrament could no longer sustain the cost of upkeep to maintain the school; and 21 WHEREAS, St. Catherine's school campus is on two parcels of land totaling 10 acres, in the 22 corporate limits of the city of Santa Fe located at 801 Griffin St; and 23 WHEREAS, on December 12, 2006, the Governing Body designated 13 items on the St. 24 25 Catherine's campus as City landmarks; and

WHEREAS, St. Catherine's campus is currently in a dilapidated condition, in need of repair; and at risk of irreversible damage to structures that are reflective of the City's cultural and educational history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe has been approached by the New Mexico School for the Arts ("School for Arts") with an opportunity for the City to acquire St. Catherine's campus for the public purposes of preserving a part of the City's history, promoting arts education in the City and leasing the campus to the School for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the School for the Arts is a public/private partnership comprised of the New Mexico School for the Arts, a New Mexico state charter high school, and School for the Arts – NM, a nonprofit art educational institution; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the School for the Arts is to provide the highest standards of excellence in preparing New Mexico's artistically talented students, which may include students from the Santa Fe area, to compete in the local, national and international arena for post-secondary education and/or professional careers in the arts; and

WHEREAS, the School for the Arts currently has private donors who have committed funding in the amount of \$8 million dollars for architectural design, construction and improvements including necessary repair to existing buildings on St. Catherine's campus; and

WHEREAS, arts and educational uses by the School for the Arts are consistent with historical uses of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body envisions the use of the St. Catherine's campus by the School for the Arts as an opportunity to preserve a campus with cultural and historical significance to the City and to partner with a public/private entity whose primary vision is to provide students with the tools to pursue a career in the arts, either as a practicing artist or in the arts industry, and to successfully receive a high school diploma and become productive members of the artistic and creative workforce and/or to be successful college students.

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## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE

**CITY OF SANTA FE** that staff is directed to:

1. Begin the process for the City of Santa Fe to acquire St. Catherine's Indian School campus for the public purposes of preserving an educational campus with cultural and historic significance to the City, promoting arts education in the City and leasing the property to the New Mexico School for the Arts, a New Mexico state charter high school. Staff shall begin the process, by first engaging in the development of a financial plan for acquisition of the campus.

- 2. Negotiate a preliminary lease with the School for the Arts and request that the State of New Mexico Board of Finance review and approve such lease in the event the City is successful in acquiring St. Catherine's campus. The terms of the preliminary lease shall include, without limitation, that the City shall not expend public funds to meet the obligations of the lease.
- 3. Contact the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division, to obtain their assessment of the historic nature of the St. Catherine's campus and its structures.
- Apprise the Governing Body of the progress of the acquisition of St. Catherine's
  Campus.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

21 ATTEST:

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OLANDA Y. WGIL, CYTY CLERK

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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