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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-13**

**INTRODUCED BY:**



**A RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING STAFF TO BEGIN THE PROCESS FOR THE CITY OF SANTA FE TO ACQUIRE ST. CATHERINE’S INDUSTRIAL INDIAN SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSES OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION, PROMOTING ARTS EDUCATION IN THE CITY AND LEASING THE PROPERTY TO THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, A NEW MEXICO STATE CHARTER SCHOOL.**

**WHEREAS**, St. Catherine’s Industrial Indian School (“St. Catherine’s”) was the first school in a nationwide system of schools dedicated to the education of Native Americans and African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Catherine’s was in existence from 1887 to 1998 when the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament could no longer sustain the cost of upkeep to maintain the school; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Catherine’s school campus is on two parcels of land totaling 10 acres, in the corporate limits of the city of Santa Fe located at 801 Griffin St; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 12, 2006, the Governing Body designated 13 items on the St. Catherine's campus as City landmarks; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY