

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-42**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

4 Councilor Calvert

5 Mayor Coss

6 Councilor Wurzbarger

7 Councilor Ives

8 Councilor Rivera

9 Councilor Bushee

10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **RECOGNIZING AND HONORING UNITED STATES SENATOR JEFF BINGAMAN, FOR**
12 **HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE**
13 **PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, NEW MEXICO AND THE CITY OF SANTA FE; AND**
14 **DIRECTING STAFF TO DETERMINE A DATE TO HONOR SENATOR BINGAMAN.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, Senator Jeff Bingaman was raised in Silver City, New Mexico, the son of a
17 science professor at Western New Mexico University and a public school teacher; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Senator Bingaman graduated from Harvard University in 1965 and received his
19 law degree from the Stanford University School of Law in 1968; and

20 **WHEREAS**, while attending Stanford university school of law, he met his wife, Anne, a
21 successful lawyer and political advocate, with whom he has one son, John; and

22 **WHEREAS**, he served in the United States army reserves from 1968 to 1974; and

23 **WHEREAS**, he served as the New Mexico assistant attorney general before owning a private
24 law practice for eight years and being elected as the attorney general of New Mexico in 1978; and

25 **WHEREAS**, he won election to the United States Senate in 1982 and has served as a United

1 States senator for thirty years; and

2 **WHEREAS**, he was reelected four times before announcing his retirement, indicating his
3 lasting support by New Mexico residents; and

4 **WHEREAS**, he is the chair of the United States Senate Committee on energy and natural
5 resources, he serves as a member of the senate finance committee, he is a senior member of the joint
6 economic committee, a bicameral congressional committee that studies issues that affect the United
7 States economy; and

8 **WHEREAS**, he sponsored the Technology for Education Act of 1994 and led the senate to
9 pass the Energy Policy Act of 2005, a landmark bill that diversifies the United States' energy supply;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, one of Senator Bingaman's more recent accomplishments in his three decades
12 of Senate service includes working to expand opportunities for young people through partnerships
13 with public land managers through the Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2011; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Senator Bingaman is an advocate for educating youth, authoring a law to help
15 low-income students defray the costs of advanced placement exams as well as legislation that helps
16 colleges serving concentrations of Hispanic and Native American students to receive federal aid; and

17 **WHEREAS**, he actively promotes the health and welfare of all New Mexicans through
18 legislation, such as the energy employees occupational illness compensation program and a package
19 to compensate people affected by the Cerro Grande fire in and around Los Alamos; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Senator Bingaman supports broadband for all New Mexicans and believes
21 broadband ubiquity provides diverse economic and educational opportunities; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Senator Bingaman has been instrumental in securing federal funding for the
23 Santa Fe Trails transit system for buses, bus facilities and proposed transit centers and continues to
24 support such funding; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Senator Bingaman is a friend to transit who has been supportive of public

1 transportation throughout his career including securing federal funds to:

- 2 • Purchase the Santa Fe Southern Railway corridor (ROW now part of the Rail
- 3 Runner)
- 4 • Expand Santa Fe Trails operations and maintenance facility
- 5 • Purchase 16 new "clean fuel" transit buses in last six years
- 6 • Design and construct new passenger benches and shelters (Spring 2012)
- 7 • Design improvements to Sheridan Street Transit Center (Spring 2012)
- 8 • Construct improvements at Santa Fe Place Transit Center (Summer 2012)

9 **WHEREAS**, Senator Bingaman has worked hard on the City of Santa Fe's behalf by moving
10 forward on several significant water-related federal policy and regulatory matters, including:

- 11 • Working with BoR on the San Juan-Chama delivery contract
- 12 • Working with BoR on the San Juan Chama storage issues
- 13 • Working with BoR, USFWS, and EPA on endangered species issues affecting San
- 14 Juan Chama Project water
- 15 • Working with EPA on acquisition of the BDD Project Sand Return NPDES Permit
- 16 • Working with BLM on NEPA permitting for Emergency Buckman Well Nos. 10 -13
- 17 • Working with BLM, USFS, BoR, and USFWS on NEPA permitting for the Buckman
- 18 Direct Diversion Project
- 19 • Working with LANL/DoE on water quality matters; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Senator Bingaman is known for his depth of knowledge regarding public
21 policy, his hard work and his ability to negotiate with both sides of the aisle and to fight for issues
22 important to New Mexico; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the retirement of Senator Jeff Bingaman marks the loss of a great senator who
24 fought tirelessly for the city of Santa Fe, the state of New Mexico and the Nation.

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**

1 CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body hereby recognizes and honors Senator Jeff
2 Bingaman for his dedication and commitment to public service on behalf of the people of the city of
3 Santa Fe, New Mexico and the Nation.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that staff is directed to determine a date certain for which
5 the City of Santa Fe can express their gratitude to Senator Jeff Bingaman who will be remembered as
6 an advocate for negotiation and a constant source of stability in the world of politics.

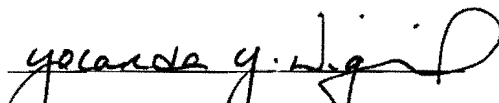
7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution
8 to Senator Bingaman.

9 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2012.

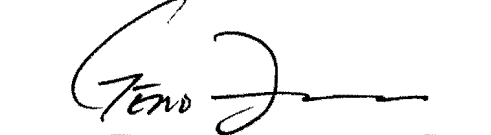
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12 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

13 ATTEST:

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16 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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20 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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