

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-47**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Bushee
6 Councilor Wurzburger
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT TO REDIRECT**
12 **MILITARY SPENDING TO DOMESTIC PRIORITIES.**

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14 **WHEREAS**, the severity of the ongoing economic crisis has created budget shortfalls at all
15 levels of government and requires us to re-examine our national spending priorities; and

16 **WHEREAS**, every dollar spent on the military produces fewer jobs than spending the same
17 dollar on education, healthcare, clean energy, or even tax cuts for household consumption; and

18 **WHEREAS**, U.S. military spending has approximately doubled in the past decade, in real
19 dollars and as a percentage of federal discretionary spending, and well over half of federal
20 discretionary spending is now spent on the military, and we are spending more money on the military
21 now than during the Cold War, the Vietnam War, or the Korean War; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the U.S military budget could be cut by 80% and remain the largest in the
23 world; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform proposed major
25 reductions in military spending in both its Co-Chairs' proposal in November 2010 and its final report

1 in December 2010; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Conference of Mayors passed a resolution in June 2011 calling on
3 Congress to redirect spending to domestic priorities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the people of the United States, in numerous opinion polls, favor redirecting
5 spending to domestic priorities and withdrawing the U.S. military from Afghanistan; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the United States has armed forces stationed at approximately 1,000 foreign
7 bases in approximately 150 foreign countries; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the United States is the wealthiest nation on earth but trails many other nations
9 in life expectancy, infant mortality, education level, housing, and environmental sustainability, as
10 well as non-military aid to foreign nations.

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
12 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body calls on the United States Congress and the
13 President of the United States to end foreign ground and drone wars, refrain from entering new
14 military ventures in Iran and reduce base military spending in order to meet vital human needs,
15 promote job creation, re-train and re-employ those losing jobs in the process of conversion to non-
16 military industries, rebuild our infrastructure, aid municipal and state governments and develop a new
17 economy based upon renewable, sustainable energy.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this
19 resolution to New Mexico's Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States.

20 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2012.

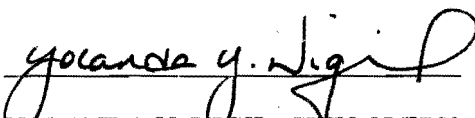
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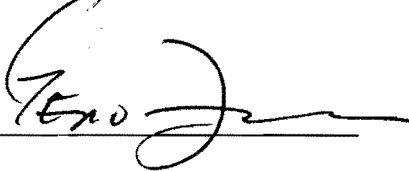
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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ATTEST:


YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY