

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-60**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Coss  
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **ENDORISING EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE AMTRAK SOUTHWEST CHIEF**  
12 **PASSENGER SERVICE THROUGH LAMY (SANTA FE), NEW MEXICO.**  
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14 **WHEREAS**, Amtrak's Southwest Chief serves northern New Mexico on its route  
15 between Chicago and Los Angeles on the host railroad line of Burlington Northern Santa Fe; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Southwest Chief and its famous predecessors (such as the Santa Fe  
17 Railroad's fables Super Chief) have served this route since the late 1880's and

18 **WHEREAS**, the recent re-launch of the Amtrak Vacations program features Santa Fe as a  
19 single-city rail getaway destination; and

20 **WHEREAS**, eastbound and westbound trains stop in Lamy daily and served more than  
21 122,260 New Mexico passengers in 2011, including 12,579 Lamy- Santa Fe passengers; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Amtrak provides a transportation link to the residents of northern New Mexico  
23 that is of growing importance and will likely become critical as rising energy prices curtail the  
24 attractiveness of driving and flying; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the train is a key economic contributor to northern New Mexico, including the

1 city of Raton, Las Vegas, Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Gallup in; and

2       **WHEREAS**, railway freight traffic has declined, thereby reducing monies customarily set  
3 aside for rail maintenance and consequently forcing travel at lower speeds; and

4       **WHEREAS**, it has been estimated that the rail traversed by the Southwest Chief is in  
5 immediate need of more than \$100 million in rail repairs in three states, including New Mexico, in  
6 order to resume normal speeds; and

7       **WHEREAS**, it has been further projected that rail repairs over the course of the entire rail  
8 will total \$300 million over the next ten years; and

9       **WHEREAS**, Amtrak is unable to make said repairs given current budgetary and fiscal  
10 conditions; and

11       **WHEREAS**, the route of the Southwest Chief through Raton, Las Vegas, Lamy (Santa Fe)  
12 and Albuquerque is threatened by an alternative route under construction that would re-route the train  
13 south from Newton, Kansas through the Texas Panhandle and through New Mexico south of  
14 Albuquerque, bypassing Lamy (Santa Fe); and

15       **WHEREAS**, on May 8, 2012, the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners adopted a  
16 similar resolution endorsing efforts to maintain the Amtrak Southwest Chief passenger service  
17 through Lamy (Santa Fe), New Mexico, following similar actions of other municipalities along the  
18 line.

19       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
20 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body calls upon the governor of the State of New Mexico,  
21 Santa Fe's New Mexico legislative delegation and New Mexico's congressional delegation to  
22 strongly endorse continuation of Amtrak's current Southwest Chief route through northern New  
23 Mexico.

24       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this  
25 resolution to the governor of the state of New Mexico; Santa Fe's New Mexico legislative delegation

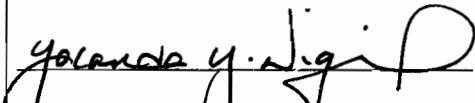
1 and congressional delegation.

2 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

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5 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

6 ATTEST:

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9 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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14 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY