| 1 | CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO |
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| 2 | RESOLUTION NO. 2013-3 |
| 3 | INTRODUCED BY: |
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| 5 | Councilor Wurzburger |
| | Mayor Coss |
| 6 | Councilor Calvert |
| 7 | Councilor Bushee |
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| 10 | A RESOLUTION |
| 11 | EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE VICTIMS' FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND |
| 12 | COMMUNITY IN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT WHO HAVE FOREVER BEEN |
| 13 | IMPACTED BY THE RECENT ACT OF GUN VIOLENCE; INVITING THE COMMUNITY |
| 14 | OF SANTA FE TO JOIN THE CITY OF SANTA FE IN LOBBYING THE PRESIDENT OF |
| 15 | THE UNITED STATES AND CONGRESS TO ENACT FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO BAN |
| 16 | ASSAULT WEAPONS AND OTHER HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES AND CLOSE THE |
| 17 | GUN SHOW LOOPHOLE. |
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| 19 | WHEREAS, the Federal Assault Weapons Ban, or Public Safety and Recreational Firearms |
| 20 | Use Protection Act, was a subtitle of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, a |
| 21 | federal law in the United States that included a prohibition on the manufacture for civilian use of |
| 22 | certain semi-automatic firearms, so called "assault weapons"; and |
| 23 | WHEREAS, the 10-year ban was passed by Congress on September 13, 1994 and only |
| 24 | applied to weapons manufactured after the date of the ban's enactment; and |
| 25 | WHEREAS, the Federal Assault Weapons Ban expired on September 13, 2004, as part of the |

| 1 | law's sunset provision; and |
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| 2 | WHEREAS, there have been multiple attempts to renew the ban, but no bill has reached the |
| 3 | floor for a vote; and |
| 4 | WHEREAS, in addition, there is currently a gun show loophole in the law that allows |
| 5 | unlicensed sellers to sell guns without conducting a background check; and |
| 6 | WHEREAS, there are approximately 5,000 gun shows every year across the United States |
| 7 | and 40% of sales at these shows are by unlicensed sellers who are not required to perform background |
| 8 | checks; and |
| 9 | WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms says that gun shows are |
| 10 | the second leading source of crime guns; and |
| 11 | WHEREAS, again and again, Americans are stunned by senseless acts of violence |
| 12 | involving guns, including the most recent tragedy that targeted young children in Newtown, |
| 13 | Connecticut; and |
| 14 | WHEREAS, too many times in recent years, local governments across the United States |
| 15 | have expressed shock at the many mass shootings that have occurred; and |
| 16 | WHEREAS, on December 17, 2012, representatives of the United States Conference of |
| 17 | Mayors sent an open letter to President Obama and the U.S. Congress calling for stronger gun laws, a |
| 18 | reversal of the culture of violence in this country, a commission to examine violence in the nation, |
| 19 | and more adequate funding for the mental health system; and |
| 20 | WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe supports the efforts of the U.S. |
| 21 | Conference of Mayors; and |
| 22 | WHEREAS, in addition, the Governing Body desires to work with the community of Santa |
| 23 | Fe to join the efforts of the Governing Body to lobby the President of the United States and Congress |
| 24 | to take immediate action to enact federal legislation to ban assault weapons and other high-capacity |
| 25 | magazines and close the gun show loophole; and |

WHEREAS, in recent years there have been numerous efforts by governmental entities as 1 2 well as private entities to establish gun buy-back programs and the Governing Body desires that staff research the possibility of establishing a gun buy-back program within the jurisdiction of the City of 3 4 Santa Fe; and WHEREAS, because of the latest national tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut and the high 5 incidence of gun violence that continues to plague our Country, there is a need to build a safer 6 7 America for our children and all of our residents 8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body hereby expresses its condolences to the victims' 9 families, friends and community in Newtown, Connecticut who have forever been impacted by the 10 11 recent act of gun violence. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe directs 12 staff to publish in the newspaper, on the City website and any other media the City has access to, an 13 open invitation to the community of Santa Fe to join our efforts to lobby the President of the United 14 States and Congress to enact federal legislation to ban assault weapons and other high-capacity 15 16 magazines and close the gun show loop hole. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this 17 resolution to the President of the United States, the City of Santa Fe congressional delegation and the 18 19 Town of Newtown, Connecticut. PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9th day of January, 2013. 20 21 22 DAVID COSS, MAYOR 23 24

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25 M/Melissa/Resolutions 2013/2013-3 Assault Weapon Ban