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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-12

INTRODUCED BY:

- Councilor Calvert
- Councilor Dominguez
- Councilor Trujillo
- Councilor Bushee
- Councilor Ives

A RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE CITY OF SANTA FE’S MEMBERSHIP IN AND SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE WESTERN ADAPTATION ALLIANCE AND DIRECTING STAFF TO REFORM THE GREEN TEAM TO SEEK HOW TO BOTH REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM CITY OPERATIONS AND ENGAGE THE PUBLIC IN ADDRESSING HOW THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE WILL IMPACT CITIZENS.

WHEREAS, Northern New Mexico has experienced significant damage from hazards such as wildfire, drought, flooding, high winds, and major storms, resulting in the loss of property and life, economic hardship and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, climate extremes and weather-related disasters are creating an increasing threat to existing community priorities and affect the City’s ability to deliver on its existing commitments; and

WHEREAS, historic weather data alone is no longer sufficient to plan for a prosperous future; instead, in looking to the future, the City should also incorporate projected changes in

1 local climate and associated impacts to its operations; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the governments of Flagstaff, AZ; Salt Lake City, UT; Tucson, AZ; Fort
3 Collins, CO; Las Vegas, NV; Denver, CO; Boulder County, CO; Park City, UT; Aspen, CO; and
4 Phoenix, AZ formed the Western Adaptation Alliance after an Academy on Climate Change
5 Resilience and Adaption in September, 2010; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Urban Sustainability Directors Network provided funding to the
7 Partners to enable them to come together and to share and explore planning frameworks, creative
8 ideas, and knowledge about climate adaptation planning; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the partners have benefitted greatly from these meetings and the associated
10 dialogue about climate change and planning for the future of a changing climate; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the partners have published the following document: “Report on Climate
12 Change and Planning Frameworks for the Intermountain West;” and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Partners acknowledge that climate change is already having a
14 significant impact on western and southwestern states, and that local communities have a critical
15 role, and indeed an obligation to their citizens, to anticipate, plan, and prepare for impacts
16 associated with climate change; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Partners acknowledge that some of the impacts of climate change are
18 regional in nature and will require regional cooperation and planning to effectively prepare our
19 local communities for future conditions; and

20 **WHEREAS**, given the success of the Partners to date, they agree that the establishment
21 of an ongoing Western Adaptation Alliance has been of great value to local communities and to
22 the region as a whole and enables continued learning, knowledge transfer, and regional
23 collaboration; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Western Adaptation Alliance plans to continue to communicate on a
25 regular basis with telephone meetings and through other methods in order to assist each other, to

1 share progress, and to discuss climate change-related topics and associated adaptation strategies
2 with respect to:

- 3 • Economic Health and Resilience
- 4 • Climate Change Science
- 5 • Municipal Water Supply Planning
- 6 • Forest Management
- 7 • Emergency Management
- 8 • Transportation Planning
- 9 • Human Health and Related Services
- 10 • Agricultural Impacts and Food Security
- 11 • Energy Generation, Supply and Security

12 And any other area of cooperation that the parties may agree upon; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Western Adaptation Alliance wishes to affirm the partnership and the
14 desire for future collaboration, knowledge transfer, and dialogue; and

15 **WHEREAS**, any commitment of financial or human resources is voluntary and not
16 obligatory and none of the parties are expected to collaborate on matters where internal
17 prohibitions exist; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe adopted the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan (Resolution
19 2008-93) which includes “. . .how the City can prepare to be more resilient to respond to the
20 impact of global warming on the community”.

21 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe has committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions
22 by adopting energy- and water-wise building codes, developing local and renewable energy,
23 using reclaimed water, adopting water conservation requirements, water demand management,
24 conjunctive use of water, and education and outreach; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe has committed to actions to make the community more

1 resilient by developing a regional food policy council, forest thinning, water for ecosystems
2 preservation, preservation of green spaces, riparian restoration, storm-flow management, water
3 supply planning, urban forests, stormwater retention, education and outreach, arroyo stabilization,
4 aquifer storage/recovery, drought management plans, urban gardening, and emergency response
5 capacity building; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe was accepted as the 11th member of the Western
7 Adaptation Alliance at the 2012 Urban Sustainability Directors Network annual meeting.

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
9 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby declares its support for the Western
10 Adaptation Alliance and the membership of the City of Santa Fe in said Alliance.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that staff is directed to:

- 12 1. Reform the green team to seek how to both reduce greenhouse gas emissions
13 from City operations and to determine how to incorporate how climate change
14 will affect the ability of the city to deliver services in the future.
- 15 2. Ensure that social and environmental justice are included in the evaluation of
16 impacts and proposed actions the City takes.
- 17 3. Engage the public in addressing how the effects of climate change will impact
18 citizens and develop strategies in partnership with the community to reduce
19 anticipated adverse impacts.

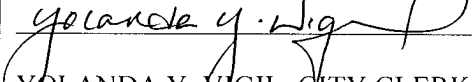
20 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 30th day of January, 2013.

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23 DAVID COSS, MAYOR
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1 ATTEST:

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4 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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6 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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9 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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