

**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-25**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

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**A RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE MANDATORY LABELING OF GENETICALLY  
ENGINEERED PRODUCTS SO CONSUMERS ARE INFORMED ABOUT THE  
POTENTIAL LONG-TERM RISKS OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED PRODUCTS TO  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH ARE LARGELY UNKNOWN;  
AND DIRECTING STAFF TO COLLABORATE WITH SANTA FE COUNTY STAFF TO  
EXPLORE THE OPTIONS FOR ENACTING CITY/COUNTY LEGISLATION THAT  
WOULD ENACT A PROHIBITION ON THE PROPAGATING, CULTIVATING, RAISING  
AND GROWING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS AND/OR ENACTING  
CITY/COUNTY LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE LABELING OF  
FOOD SOLD IN THE CITY/COUNTY THAT CONTAINS GENETICALLY ENGINEERED  
MATERIAL.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe recognizes that consumers have the right to receive accurate and thorough information about the products they feed to their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential long-term risks to public health and the environment from

1 genetically engineered products are largely unknown; and

2           **WHEREAS**, safety studies on genetically engineered products are limited because  
3 biotechnology companies generally prohibit their cultivation for research purposes in seed licensing  
4 agreements; and

5           **WHEREAS**, some independent, peer-reviewed research that has been done on genetically  
6 engineered crops has revealed problems with liver and kidney functions in rats; deformities and  
7 neurological problems in vertebrates; and lower nutrition content in pesticide-resistant crops; and

8           **WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the United States Department of Agriculture to ensure  
9 that genetically engineered crops are safe to grow, the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure  
10 that genetically engineered products will not harm the environment and the Food and Drug  
11 Administration to ensure that genetically engineered food is safe to eat; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the United States federal agencies that regulate genetically engineered products,  
13 including crops and animals and the New Mexico Legislature have not yet enacted a comprehensive  
14 plan to adequately oversee and monitor genetically engineered products; and

15           **WHEREAS**, farmers who produce organic or non-genetically engineered crops run the risk  
16 of crop contamination from nearby genetically engineered crops; and

17           **WHEREAS**; farmers who unintentionally grow patented, genetically engineered seeds or  
18 who harvest crops that are contaminated with genetically engineered traits could lose marketing  
19 options and face costly lawsuits; and

20           **WHEREAS**, a 2008 *CBS/New York Times* poll found that 87 percent of U.S. consumers  
21 wanted all genetically engineered ingredients to be labeled.

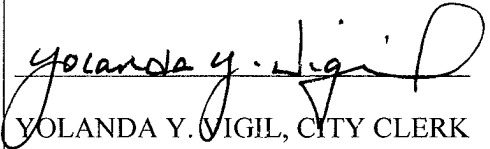
22           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
23 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that:

24           **Section 1.**     The City of Santa Fe supports mandatory labeling of all genetically  
25 engineered products.




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