

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-35**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

4 Councilor Calvert

5 Councilor Ives

6 Mayor Coss

7 Councilor Bushee

8 Councilor Dimas

9 Councilor Dominguez

10 Councilor Rivera

11 Councilor Trujillo

12 Councilor Wurzburger

13 **A RESOLUTION**

14 **SUPPORTING CONTINUED ENFORCEMENT AND FUNDING OF THE FEDERAL**
15 **ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.**

16 **WHEREAS**, this year marks the 40th anniversary of the adoption of the Endangered Species
17 Act (ESA); and

18 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of this visionary law is to save imperiled plants and animals from
19 extinction and protect vital habitat that provides us with clean water, food, medicines and other
20 valuable products and services; and

21 **WHEREAS**, according to a national Harris Poll, 90% of Americans agree that the ESA has
22 helped hundreds of species recover from the brink of extinction and 87% agree that the ESA is a
23 successful safety net for protecting wildlife, plants and fish from extinction; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the ESA has been more than 99% effective in meeting its purpose – i.e., since
25 the ESA became law in 1973, less than 1% of the species protected under the ESA have ever been
delisted due to extinction; and

WHEREAS, due to the success of the ESA, iconic species such as the bald eagle, the

1 peregrine falcon, gray wolves, grizzly bears, Florida manatees and the American alligator are once
2 again thriving; and

3 **WHEREAS**, due to the success of the ESA, here in the southwest, species such as the
4 Aplomado falcon, Apache trout and whooping crane have been brought back from brink of
5 extinction; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the ESA contributes directly and indirectly to our economy, in many ways,
7 such as outdoor recreation and nature based tourism, agriculture, modern medicine, industry, and
8 ecosystem services, which purify water, control climate, recycle nutrients and protect us against
9 flooding; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the benefits of the ESA come at very little cost – all federal spending on land,
11 freshwater, ocean and wildlife conservation programs totals little more than 1% of the federal budget,
12 and programs that protect endangered species make up only a tiny fraction of that amount; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the ESA ensures all these benefits, and some as yet unknown, not only now, but
14 for generations to come; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the ESA contains multiple provisions that offer private landowners flexibility in
16 complying with the Act, including provisions that allow landowners to work cooperatively with the
17 Service to minimize adverse impacts to listed species and avoid penalties or legal liabilities for their
18 cooperation; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City, itself has taken steps to factor in the effects of climate change; the
20 importance of the ESA in the face of climate change takes on added significance; and

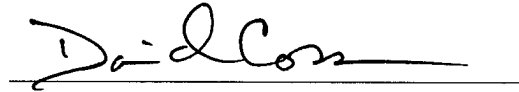
21 **WHEREAS**, the official name and seal of the City of Santa Fe – “La Villa Real de la Santa
22 Fe de San Francisco de Asis” – contain the name of Saint Francis who is the patron saint of animals;
23 the City of Santa Fe’s support for the ESA seems only fitting since Saint Francis and the ESA share a
24 common purpose.

25 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Santa Fe fully supports the

1 landmark ESA and strongly urges its continued application with adequate funding.

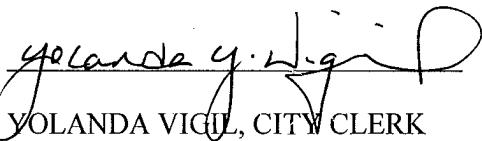
2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to
3 the City's Federal Congressional Delegation.

4 **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 27th day of March, 2013.

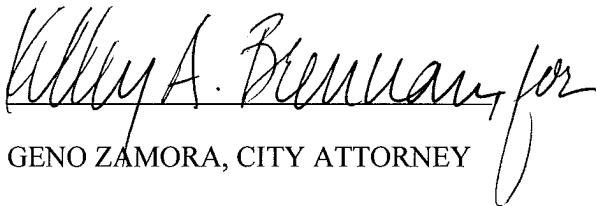
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7 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

8 ATTEST:

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11 YOLANDA VIGIL, CITY CLERK

12 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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15 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY