

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-96**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

4 Councilor Dimas

5 Councilor Dominguez

6 Councilor Rivera

7 Councilor Trujillo

8 Councilor Bushee

9 Councilor Calvert

10 Councilor Ives

11 **A RESOLUTION**

12 **RELATING TO THE HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE**  
13 **CITY OF SANTA FE; ENCOURAGING THE SANTA FE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND**  
14 **THE RESIDENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER IN A**  
15 **COLLABORATIVE EFFORT AND FOR A COMMON CAUSE – TAKE ILLEGAL DRUGS**  
16 **OFF THE STREETS OF SANTA FE.**

17 **WHEREAS**, up until 2006, the Santa Fe Police Department (“SFPD”) had an established  
18 narcotics unit within the department, and thereafter, the SFPD transferred all City of Santa Fe  
19 narcotics enforcement to the New Mexico State Police, Region III Drug Enforcement Task Force  
20 (“Region III Task Force”); and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Region III Task Force does not solely focus on narcotics enforcement  
22 within the city of Santa Fe, it is a regional task force that focuses on the prevention, investigation,  
23 control and prosecution of unlawful drugs, narcotics and controlled substances and related crimes  
24 within the Region III area which includes the Northern New Mexico counties of Santa Fe, Los  
25 Alamos, Rio Arriba and Taos and is supervised by the New Mexico State Police; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body acknowledges that drug abuse is prevalent in Northern  
2 New Mexico and encourages the continuation of the SFPD's relationship with the Region III Task  
3 Force, however, the Governing Body also acknowledges that drug abuse is prevalent in the city of  
4 Santa Fe and there is a need to focus on combating local drug trafficking; and

5           **WHEREAS**, an educational component should consist of the SFPD providing educational  
6 awareness to students at area schools and attending neighborhood watch meetings to inform citizens  
7 of drug trends and create and maintain avenues of communication with neighborhood groups; and

8           **WHEREAS**, there is a need for an enforcement component that should consist of  
9 investigating all tips received from the "Drug Hotline" as quickly as possible; and

10          **WHEREAS**, drug addiction leads to criminal activity which includes, but is not limited to  
11 shoplifting, forgery, burglary, credit card fraud, purse snatching and violent crimes; and

12          **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to call upon the residents of our community to  
13 come together to be involved with the SFPD to get drug traffickers off the streets of Santa Fe.

14          **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
15 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that in the interest of the health safety and welfare of the residents of the City  
16 of Santa Fe, the Governing Body encourages the SFPD and the community of Santa Fe to come  
17 together in a collaborative effort and for a common cause – take illegal drugs off the streets of Santa  
18 Fe.

19          **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the SFPD shall by January 1, 2014:

- 20          1. Explore the options for establishing a 24/7 hotline at the Regional Emergency  
21             Communications Center so that residents of our community may report any suspicious  
22             activity that may be related to illegal drug activity.
- 23          2. Coordinate with neighborhood watch groups to be the eyes and ears of their  
24             neighborhood and play an integral part in reporting any suspicious activity related to  
25             illegal drug activity.

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3. Establish close patrols in the areas reported for suspicious drug activity.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the SFPD shall:

- 1. Coordinate with the First Judicial District Attorney’s Office to aggressively prosecute all drug trafficking cases.
- 2. Coordinate with Santa Fe Public Schools, private schools and other youth organizations to present drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs.

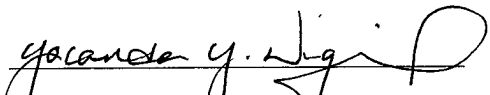
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all residents of Santa Fe, from the young to the elderly, and businesses such as utility companies, plumbers, landscapers, roofers, delivery persons and any others that are out in the streets of Santa Fe during their work day, are encouraged to partner with the SFPD and report any suspicious activity that may be related to illegal drug activity.

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



DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
for  
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