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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-3**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Councilor Wurzburger

Councilor Ives

**A RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SANTA FE FIRE CHIEF TO, FROM TIME TO TIME, COLLABORATE WITH A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS WITH AN INTEREST IN PROTECTING NEIGHBORHOODS FROM A WILDFIRE, TO PRODUCE AND IMPLEMENT TANGIBLE WILDFIRE MITIGATION STRATEGIES; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO LOBBY THE LEGISLATURE, DURING THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, FOR FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT WILDFIRE MITIGATION STRATEGIES.**

**WHEREAS**, the risk to life and property from wildfires has risen significantly over the last decade; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress passed the 2009 Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement (FLAME) Act of 2009 (“FLAME Act of 2009”); and

**WHEREAS**, the FLAME Act of 2009 requires the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop and implement a cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy (“Strategy”); and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Strategy is being implemented in three phases: planning for wildfire,  
2 responding to wildfire and recovering from wildland fire incidents; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the Strategy focuses on: restoring and maintaining resilient landscapes, creating  
4 fire adapted communities, and response to wildland fires; and

5           **WHEREAS**, fire adapted communities are more aware, prepared, resilient, and better  
6 protected from a wildfire threat; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe Fire Department has identified 27 neighborhoods which  
8 exist in the city of Santa Fe wildland urban interface; and

9           **WHEREAS**, 19 of the identified neighborhoods received a wildfire hazard rating of high,  
10 very high, or extreme; and

11           **WHEREAS**, solely removing trees to protect life and property is not an effective solution to  
12 the threat from a wildland fire; and

13           **WHEREAS**, there are five categories within four environments (Built, Natural, Social, and  
14 Response) that address wildfire hazard mitigation: (1) education; (2) engineering; (3)  
15 enactment/enforcement; (4) economic incentives; and (5) emergency response that are the most  
16 effective approach to reducing the affect a large wildland fire may have on the City of Santa Fe; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe Fire Department recognizes that individuals, organizations,  
18 businesses and government have to influence the effectiveness in planning, responding, and  
19 recovering from a wildland fire incident; and

20           **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires for the City Fire Chief to, from time to time,  
21 collaborate with a variety of community stakeholders such as residents, builders, realtors, insurance  
22 agents, land managers and employees of the Fire Department with an interest in protecting  
23 neighborhoods from a wildfire to develop wildfire mitigation strategies to best protect life and  
24 property in the city of Santa Fe.

25           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**

1 CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe hereby authorizes the city of  
2 Santa Fe Fire Chief to, from time to time, collaborate with a variety of community stakeholders with  
3 an interest in protecting neighborhoods from a wildfire, to produce and implement tangible wildfire  
4 mitigation strategies.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City authorized to lobby the legislature, during the  
6 2014 legislative session, for funding to implement wildfire mitigation strategies.

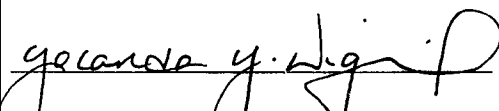
7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this  
8 resolution to the City's legislative delegation and the City's lobbyist.

9 PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of January, 2014.

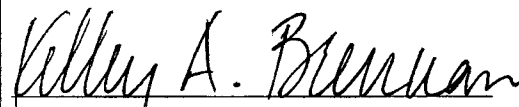
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12 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

13 ATTEST:

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16 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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20 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY