1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-8** 3 INTRODUCED BY: 4 5 Councilor Chris Calvert Councilor Rebecca Wurzburger 6 Councilor Patti Bushee Councilor Peter Ives 7 Councilor Carmichael Dominguez 8 9 10 A RESOLUTION 11 RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF SANTA FE'S CONGRESSIONAL 12 DELEGATION SUPPORT EFFORTS TO BUILD, PRESERVE, REHABILITATE AND 13 OPERATE RENTAL HOUSING THAT IS AFFORDABLE FOR LOW INCOME VETERANS 14 AND THEIR FAMILIES. 15 16 WHEREAS, in 2012, the number of veterans in Santa Fe County was estimated to be as high 17 as 25,000: and 18 WHEREAS, there has been an increase of over 12.5% in the disability and patient 19 expenditures for veterans in 2012, which is the greatest increase since 2001, indicating that veterans 20 are likely to be less physically able to provide for themselves and their families; and 21 WHEREAS, the 2013 Housing Needs Assessment shows that the greatest mismatch in 22 housing needs and available inventory in Santa Fe is for rental housing for people with very low 23 incomes; and 24 WHEREAS, over 3,000 renter households in Santa Fe are not likely to have the ability to 25 find rental housing that they can afford, which would be approximately \$500 per month range or less;

1 and 2 WHEREAS, the shortage of rental homes that are affordable and available for Santa Fe's 3 very low income renter households is a primary cause of homelessness in our community; and 4 WHEREAS, the City will release a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in 2014 for its 5 Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) which prioritizes rental support for very low income renters, 6 many of whom are veterans, and are in danger of being homeless or transitioning out of 7 homelessness. 8 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GOVERING BODY 9 OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the City of Santa Fe urges its Congressional Delegation to 10 support efforts to build, preserve, rehabilitate and operate rental housing that is affordable for low 11 income veterans and their families. 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this 13 resolution to its Congressional Delegation. PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 29th day of January, 2014. 14 15 16 17 ATTEST: 18 19 20 YOLANDA Y. VI**G**İL, CITY^YCLERK 21 APPROVED AS TO FORM: 22 23

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