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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Councilor Ronald Trujillo

**A RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING STAFF TO COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL YOUTH SERVICE AGENCIES AND EMERGENCY SHELTERS TO EXPLORE THE OPTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A “SAFE PLACE” PROGRAM THAT WOULD BENEFIT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE IN CRISIS IN THE SANTA FE COMMUNITY.**

**WHEREAS**, “Safe Place” is a national youth outreach program that educates thousands of young people each year about the danger of running away or trying to resolve difficult, threatening situations on their own; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of “Safe Place” is to provide access to immediate help and supportive resources for all young people in crisis through a network of sites sustained by qualified agencies, trained volunteers and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the easily-replicated “Safe Place” initiative involves the whole community to provide safe havens and resources for youth in crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, “Safe Place” creates a network of “Safe Place” locations — schools, fire stations, libraries, grocery and convenience stores, public transit, YMCAs and other appropriate

1 public buildings – that display the yellow and black diamond-shaped Safe Place sign; and

2           **WHEREAS**, such locations extend the doors of the youth service agency or emergency  
3 shelter throughout the community; and

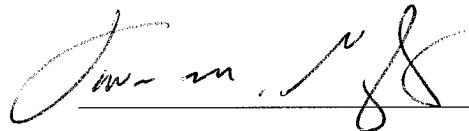
4           **WHEREAS**, young people in our City are valued and are more likely to seek help in places  
5 that are familiar and designated as “Safe Place” locations; and

6           **WHEREAS**, young people in crisis in our City could access immediate help and supportive  
7 resources on a nondiscriminatory basis through a network of sites from trained volunteers.

8           **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
9 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that staff is directed to collaborate with local youth service agencies to  
10 explore the options for establishing a “Safe Place” program that would benefit young people who are  
11 in crisis in the Santa Fe community.

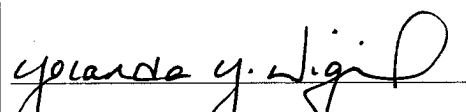
12           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that within six months of adoption of this resolution, staff  
13 shall report their findings to the Governing Body. Such findings shall include the fiscal impact for  
14 establishing a “Safe Place” in Santa Fe.

15           PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

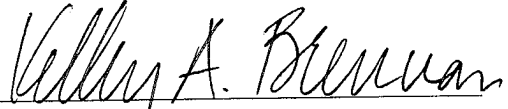
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