

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-35**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Christopher Rivera

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEND A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY**  
12 **OF SANTA FE TO THE NEW MEXICO DELEGATION IN SUPPORT OF THE CCM-**  
13 **CARE ACT OF 2019 THAT WOULD INCREASE CARE FACILITIES AND RESEARCH**  
14 **ON CAVERNOUS ANGIOMA; AND TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THIS**  
15 **RESOLUTION TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE NIH, FDA, AND CDC URGING THEM**  
16 **TO PROVIDE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO RESEARCH POTENTIAL**  
17 **TREATMENTS FOR CCM.**

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19 **WHEREAS**, cavernous angiomas (“CCM”) are clusters of abnormal blood cells found in  
20 the brain and spinal cord that may result in seizures, hemorrhage, or even death; and

21 **WHEREAS**, CCM can occur spontaneously, or as the result of an inheritable genetic  
22 defect; and

23 **WHEREAS**, because of a genetic mutation present in early Spanish settlers, northern  
24 New Mexico has one of the highest incidences of CCM anywhere in the world according to a  
25 2007 article in the New York Times; and

1           **WHEREAS**, over 1000 families in northern New Mexico are at risk, and members of the  
2 Santa Fe City Hall family have been stricken by CCM; and

3           **WHEREAS**, genetic testing is available to determine if individuals are susceptible to  
4 CCM; and

5           **WHEREAS**, knowledge of this susceptibility can help individuals who are vulnerable  
6 become educated about this trait and be better able to safeguard their health and their lives; and

7           **WHEREAS**, City of Santa Fe Resolution No. 2008-19 established an annual “Cavernous  
8 Angioma Awareness Week” to bring attention to this illness that afflicts one person in every 500-  
9 600; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2015-60 in support of the  
11 CCM-CARE Act to increase care facilities and research on cavernous angioma; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the genetic mutation has passed down through families in New Mexico  
13 over 17 generations, with offspring having a 50% chance of inheriting the illness should one of  
14 their parents be afflicted with it.

15           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
16 **CITY OF SANTA FE** directs the City Manager to send a letter on behalf of the Governing Body  
17 to the New Mexico Congressional delegation in support of the CCM-CARE Act of 2019 that  
18 would increase care facilities and research on cavernous angioma, including a center based at  
19 UNM.

20           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
21 Directors of the NIH, FDA, and CDC, urging them to provide the necessary resources to research  
22 potential treatments for cavernous angioma

23           PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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