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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-__

INTRODUCED BY:

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A RESOLUTION

**HOSTING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON SANTA FE’S CULTURES,
HISTORIES, ART, RECONCILIATION, AND TRUTH.**

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) recognizes the political and cultural divisions in the United States at this time and has observed the destruction of the Soldier’s Monument (the Obelisk) on the Plaza, the removal of the Don Diego de Vargas statue from Cathedral Park, and the boarding up of the Kit Carson memorial; and

WHEREAS, the City understands there is an urgent call to action to discuss the City’s cultural histories and current viewpoints to seek solutions for a future of peace, justice, healing, and reconciliation; and

WHEREAS, the City’s leadership recognizes the need to create a process for community engagement to encourage people to speak, to be heard, and to listen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the City will establish a City project team to ensure sufficient organizational and logistics support for the community-centered process in order to achieve desired

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1 outcomes and objectives.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City project team will be led by the Community
3 Engagement Department and the Arts and Culture Department.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City will contract with a facilitation coordinator
5 with experience in cultural competency and community-centered processes.

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City will facilitate the convening of community
7 dialogue sessions by organizations and, as appropriate, a number of community dialogue sessions
8 open generally to community members unaffiliated with a particular community organization.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the community dialogue sessions will be designed
10 to promote broader cross-cultural understanding, racial equity, healing, and reconciliation and to
11 inform decisions for statutes and monuments as well as short, medium, and long-term responses
12 for community healing and reconciliation.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the community dialogue sessions will be held in
14 multiple languages and primarily via online platforms, although some in-person sessions may be
15 offered to ensure accessibility and inclusion of diverse groups, depending on the community's
16 public health criteria status.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that community dialogue session will consist of three
18 sessions as follows:

19 Round One will focus on personal identity and stories;

20 Round Two will focus on shared dialogue and cross-dialogue about core values, building
21 on Round One; and

22 Round Three will focus on generating solutions, recommendations, and responses.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that two separate creative engagement activities,
24 inspired in part by Paper Monuments (<https://www.papermonuments.org/>), shall be conducted to
25 fuel creative engagement by artists as a powerful avenue to engage the community with questions

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1 of this project and to allow the community to participate in healing and communal activities.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Community Survey be conducted in multiple
3 languages to broaden the number of voices participating in the community dialog and to provide
4 an alternative for individuals who cannot or choose not to participate in community dialogue
5 sessions.

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that individual, one-on-one interviews be conducted as
7 an alternative for providing input by community members who cannot or choose not to participate
8 in community dialogue sessions. The interviews will ask more in-depth questions than the survey
9 and will require 15 - 30 minutes to complete.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Community Solutions Table be established to
11 include representatives who have participated in all three community dialogue sessions. The
12 Community Solutions Table shall suggest solutions based on a combination of recommendations
13 from session participants at the end of each community dialogue session.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that membership on the Community Solutions Table will
15 be determined after the community dialogue sessions have ended. Membership of the Community
16 Solutions Table shall be intentionally diverse and representative of the Santa Fe community in
17 terms of age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, and cultural background. The Community
18 Solutions Table shall also include a balance of perspectives and opinions on the City's culture,
19 histories, and stories, as well as a balance of perspectives on the obelisk and other monuments and
20 statues of the community.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Community Solutions Table shall hold 2 - 3
22 facilitated sessions with a format of consensus building.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Community Solutions Table shall review,
24 discuss, and consider summarized notes and documentation from Round One and Two of the
25 community dialogue sessions, community survey results, and solutions, recommendations, and

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25 *Legislation/2020/Resolutions/Culture and Reconciliation (Substitute)*