CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-41

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Javier M. Gonzales
Councilor Peter Ives

A RESOLUTION

RELATING TO SANTA FE’S HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE;
AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES THAT WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
INDIVIDUALS TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT SANTA FE’S RICH HISTORIC AND
CULTURAL HERITAGE.

WHEREAS, Section 2.03 of the Santa Fe Municipal Charter provides that “historical
heritage” is one of Santa Fe’s most valued and important assets; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Santa Fe proudly observed its 400th anniversary of the founding of
La Villa Real de la Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe has over 400 years of history that should be passed on to
the next generation of Santa Fe’s children and youth; and

WHEREAS, residents and tourist would benefit from historic and cultural education; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body, through adoption of Resolution No. 2010-35,
established a one-year honorary, unpaid position of City Historian who was tasked with developing
a program that included writing about Santa Fe’s history, making occasional public presentations
and advising on City programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body, through adoption of Resolution No. 2015-52,
established a one-year, paid honorary position of City Historian appointed by the Mayor with
advice and consent of the City Council, who provided live lectures for tourist and residents at
downtown venues, provided access to historical resources upon request, celebrated various local
and national historic months, and created more than twenty-five “Threads of Santa Fe” videos with
the City’s multimedia office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body:

1. Authorizes staff to enter into a one-year professional services agreement for
historian services; and

2. Designates funding up to $10,000 as honorarium for such services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that community members will be requested to
submit a letter of interest and qualifications to be considered for the city historian. Upon
review, the Mayor will appoint a member of the community to the position of historian,
with the consent of City Council. At the time of appointment, a proposed scope of
services in furtherance of the following goals shall be presented:

1. Conserve and share Santa Fe’s diverse cultural heritage with the entire
   community.

2. Engage broad community participation to understand and embrace the value of
   stewardship of both tangible and intangible cultural history.

3. Advertise, publicize and promote historical tourist-related attractions.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of May, 2017.

JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY