

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-8**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Alan M. Webber

6 Councilor Peter N. Ives

7 Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO JOIN THE COALITION OF SUSTAINABLE**
12 **COMMUNITIES NEW MEXICO (“CSC”) AS A FOUNDING MEMBER; AND**
13 **DESIGNATING THE MAYOR AS THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE**
14 **GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CSC.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, sustainability works to create resilient, equitable, and prosperous
17 communities for current and future generations; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe supports the skills and strategies needed to address
19 sustainable policies, technologies, best practices, and collaborative opportunities; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the City seeks to increase its knowledge of, and influence in, resource
21 conservation, renewable energy, social equity and engagement, and sustainable practices in New
22 Mexico; and

23 **WHEREAS**, communities across New Mexico are experiencing the impacts of climate
24 change and community leaders have the responsibility to act on behalf of their residents to ensure
25 the safety, prosperity, and natural resources for generations to come; and

1 **WHEREAS**, by working together in a coalition, communities can increase their leverage
2 to influence the adoption of policies, tools, and programs necessary to support sustainability at the
3 state level; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe has adopted its 25-year Sustainability Plan which
5 recommends membership in a coalition of communities to create statewide policies for
6 sustainability; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe will work independently and through the coalition to
8 influence State-level policies to support the achievement of the City’s sustainability, carbon
9 neutrality, and renewable energy goals codified in Resolution Nos. 2013-30, 2014-37, 2014-48,
10 2014-81, 2014-85, 2016-42, 2017-61, 2017-67, 2017-86, and 2018-65; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New Mexico is a non-partisan,
12 non-profit organization operating under the umbrella of the Santa Fe Community Foundation,
13 which is funded by grants, donations, and membership dues; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the CSC is a membership-based organization that will advocate for
15 sustainability initiatives across the State on behalf of member cities; counties; and Native
16 American nations, pueblos, and tribes; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the CSC is committed to the following:

- 18 1. leadership in increasing renewable energy options and promoting other climate
19 and sustainability actions for local governments and their constituents;
- 20 2. advocating for legislation, regulations, and administrative actions to allow for
21 greater choice, resource conservation, and equity;
- 22 3. collaborating in identifying sustainability issues best resolved through
23 coordinated governmental action and leveraging collective resources and efforts in addressing the
24 adverse impacts of climate change;
- 25 4. capacity building in creating awareness of nationwide best practices that can be

1 readily adapted by local governments, training on which will be made available to all coalition
2 members; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the CSC will do the following on behalf of the member municipalities:

- 4 1. provide detailed information on key issues of proposed policies, regulations, and
5 best practices;
- 6 2. convene working groups to tackle solutions requiring multiple stakeholders; and
- 7 3. help align member interests into a coordinated voice for State policy; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the CSC is funded through grants and donations to support the
9 organization's staff and program activities and participation may require a membership fee in
10 future years to offset these costs.

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
12 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body authorizes the City to join the Coalition of
13 Sustainable Communities New Mexico as a founding member.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that support for the CSC's activities is limited to the
15 extent that they are in line with the City's laws, policies, and plans.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, or his designee, shall serve as the
17 City's representative on the governing board of the Coalition of Sustainable Communities New
18 Mexico.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forward to the New
20 Mexico Legislative Delegation to show support for the collaborative work of the Coalition of
21 Sustainable Communities New Mexico.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that staff are hereby authorized to accomplish all deeds
23 necessary to achieve the intent expressed above.

24 PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 30th day of January, 2019.
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ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY