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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

A RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE RIO GRANDE TRAIL MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) supports trail systems throughout the state of New Mexico and values the outdoor opportunities a coordinated effort can bring to the State and the cities and towns throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Rio Grande Trail Commission is to plan, design, and construct a recreation trail that runs parallel to the Rio Grande and extends the length of New Mexico from Texas to Colorado, called the Rio Grande Trail (“RGT”); and

WHEREAS, the RGT will traverse a diversity of majestic New Mexico landmarks and natural and cultural landscapes including six state parks, two national wildlife refuges, and three national monuments; and

WHEREAS, the RGT will also travel through multiple governmental jurisdictions including at least 10 cities and 22 counties, including the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the Tribal lands along the Rio Grande and supports

1 continued communication and coordination with Tribal governments throughout the RGT
2 planning process; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the RGT will provide an excellent potential for economic development and
4 recreation for New Mexico and the communities and small businesses along the trail; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 2016 more than 5 million people visited New Mexico state parks, and
6 outdoor recreation contributed \$3.8 billion dollars of annual economic impact throughout the
7 State; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe currently enjoys various outdoor trail opportunities in and around
9 the City, as well as recreational opportunities provided by the proximity to the Rio Grande.

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

12 1. supports the efforts of the RGT Commission to develop the Rio Grande Trail
13 Master Plan that will guide the development of the border to border trail;

14 2. supports efforts related to the RGT to include the connection of City and County
15 trails to the main RGT trail system;

16 3. will participate in the larger marketing and economic development efforts related
17 to the RGT trail;

18 4. supports educational efforts about the cultural and natural resources, and the
19 recreational opportunities of the RGT; and

20 5. will partner with the Rio Grande Trail Commission where feasible.

21 PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2019.

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25 ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR

1 ATTEST:

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4 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

5 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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8 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *M/Legislation/Resolutions 2019/2019-12 Rio Grande Trail Master Plan Support*