

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-26**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

4  
5 Mayor Alan Webber

6 Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

7 Councilor Michael Garcia

8 Councilor Pilar Faulkner

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORY; CALLING FOR PLACING**  
12 **CULTURALLY AND HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT STATUES IN RESPECTFUL,**  
13 **SAFE, PUBLIC PLACES TO TELL THE STORY OF PUEBLO AND NEW MEXICO**  
14 **HISTORY IN AN HONEST, ACCURATE, AND COMPLETE MANNER; BEGINNING**  
15 **THIS PROCESS BY PLACING THE PUEBLO REVOLT RUNNERS STATUE IN THE**  
16 **SANTA FE CONVENTION CENTER AND SUPPORTING RELOCATION OF THE DON**  
17 **DIEGO DE VARGAS STATUE TO THE NEW MEXICO HISTORY MUSEUM, WHICH**  
18 **INCLUDES THE PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS.**

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20 **WHEREAS,** the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe (“City”) recognizes the long  
21 history of Oga' pogeh, La Villa Real de la Santa Fe de San Francisco de Asis, Santa Fe: the culture  
22 and legacy of our people, our languages, and our ways of life; and

23 **WHEREAS,** we acknowledge the past and its trauma, tragedy, and sorrow; we understand  
24 its legacy in the present and we acknowledge wounds older and deeper than any on this continent;  
25 and

1           **WHEREAS**, we also acknowledge the remarkable depth of wisdom and resiliency that  
2 comes from struggle; we share in our grief and our strength; and

3           **WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the ties that bind us together in an unbreakable bond of  
4 solidarity with each other; and

5           **WHEREAS**, there is much healing to do: we understand that genuine reconciliation is a  
6 generations-long process that is challenging and complex—it will test our resilience and, for that  
7 reason, we must recommit ourselves to honest and compassionate engagement, no matter how hard,  
8 no matter how long, and we believe in our capacity to change and to be changed; and

9           **WHEREAS**, we stand together for our children, guided by our sacred duty to know and  
10 learn from the past, to acknowledge the present, and to envision a future in which all will thrive;  
11 and

12           **WHEREAS**, steps we take today, both small and large, demonstrate our ability to learn  
13 from the past, to acknowledge the present, and to envision a future in which all will thrive; and

14           **WHEREAS**, by virtue of City Resolution 2018-29, the City’s Governing Body accepted a  
15 sculpture of Catua and Omtua, the Pueblo Revolt runners from Pueblo of Tesuque (“Tesuque  
16 Pueblo Revolt Runners Statue”) and directed the City Manager to work with the Pueblo of Tesuque  
17 to install the sculpture in the northwest corner of the plaza between City Hall and the Santa Fe  
18 Community Convention Center; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the Tesuque Pueblo Revolt Runners Statue has not yet been publicly  
20 displayed; and

21           **WHEREAS**, the Tesuque Pueblo Revolt Runners Statue should be placed in a respectful,  
22 safe, public location; and

23           **WHEREAS**, in Resolution 2006-26, the Governing Body supported the efforts of the  
24 Caballeros de Vargas to place a life-size, single-figure statue of Capitán General Y Gobernador,  
25 Don Diego De Vargas Zapata Luján Ponce De León, El Marqués De La Nava De Barcinas (“Don

1 Diego Statue”), in the City’s Cathedral Park; and

2           **WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of New Mexico appropriated funds for the City  
3 to commission the Don Diego Statue, and the City placed the Don Diego Statue in Cathedral Park  
4 in 2007; and

5           **WHEREAS**, in 2013, the Santa Fe New Mexican reported that vandals "fractured, defaced,  
6 sprayed with graffiti and, most recently, nearly knocked [the Don Diego Statue] off its pedestal”,  
7 requiring repair of the statue offsite; and

8           **WHEREAS**, protests anticipated in the city of Santa Fe in June of 2020 caused concern  
9 that violence and/or damage to statues in the city of Santa Fe would occur; and

10           **WHEREAS**, City staff removed Don Diego Statue from Cathedral Park for its  
11 safekeeping, pursuant to Mayor Alan Webber’s emergency proclamation regarding Civil Unrest;  
12 and

13           **WHEREAS**, the Don Diego Statue should be placed in a respectful, safe, public location.

14           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
15 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Tesuque Pueblo Revolt Runners Statue shall be placed inside the  
16 Santa Fe Convention Center, accessible to the public whenever the Convention Center is open.

17           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports placing the Don Diego  
18 Statue in the New Mexico History Museum, which includes the Palace of the Governors, on a  
19 temporary basis, and authorizes the City Manager to work with State officials to enter into a  
20 temporary loan agreement, in consultation with the Caballeros de Vargas.

21           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body shall determine any future and  
22 permanent location for the Don Diego Statute, preferably on City property, in consultation with the  
23 Caballeros de Vargas.

24           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as soon as possible, and after a location for the Don  
25 Diego statue is identified, the City shall coordinate the placement and installation of the Tesuque

1 Pueblo Revolt Runners Statue and Don Diego Statue, insofar as possible and practicable, at the  
2 same time.

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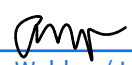
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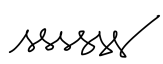
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ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

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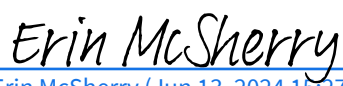
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