

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Amanda Chavez

Councilor Pilar Faulkner

A RESOLUTION

ADOPTING STRATEGIES TO PARTICIPATE IN SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH, SEPTEMBER, BY INCREASING CITY OF SANTA FE EMPLOYEES' AWARENESS ABOUT SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES AND CALLING ON ALL SANTA FE EMPLOYERS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH.

WHEREAS, according to the most recent available data from the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) from 2022, New Mexico has the fourth highest suicide rate in the United States, 24.7 deaths per 100,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, also according to NMDOH, over the past decade, suicide deaths in New Mexico have increased by eighteen percent (18%), rising from four hundred thirty-five (435) deaths in 2012 to five hundred thirteen (513) deaths in 2022; and

WHEREAS, according to New Mexico Children's Cabinet, in 2023, fourteen-point eight percent (14.8%) of New Mexico's public high school students reported that they seriously considered attempting suicide in the past twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness about mental health and crisis support resources is

1 important in the effort to increase access to those resources and reduce New Mexico’s high rates
2 of suicide and suicide attempts; and

3 **WHEREAS**, to increase awareness about mental health resources, several states including
4 California, New Jersey, Michigan, Nebraska, Washington, and Wisconsin have enacted legislation
5 requiring public school student identification cards to include suicide prevention hotlines, and this
6 kind of action makes sense for municipal institutions as well; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) can increase awareness about mental health
8 resources by printing crisis resource information such as the National Suicide Prevention Line, Peer
9 to Peer Warmline, 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and the New Mexico Crisis and Access Line on
10 employee identification cards and by posting crisis help informational signage in City-owned
11 buildings; and

12 **WHEREAS**, it is reasonable to reprint current City employee identification cards and print
13 all future identification cards with mental health and crisis support resource information; and

14 **WHEREAS**, it is reasonable to post informational crisis-help signage in City-owned
15 buildings to ensure that City employees and community members have access to potentially life-
16 saving support services; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which is
18 an agency of the United States Department of Health, has designated the month of September as
19 “Suicide Prevention Awareness Month” and is designating this time to “raise awareness, promote
20 hope, and normalize help-seeking” through “encouraging conversations about mental health, and
21 connecting people to proven treatment and resources”; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the City wishes to participate in Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
24 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City participate in Suicide Prevention Awareness Month by
25 increasing employees’ awareness about mental health and crisis support resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager shall work with the appropriate departments to print all future City employee identification cards with crisis hotline information such as, but not limited to, the National Suicide Prevention Line, Crisis Text Line, 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and the New Mexico Crisis and Access Line.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager shall work with appropriate departments to explore ways to increase employees' awareness of mental health and crisis support resources by taking actions such as, but not limited to, the following:

- re-printing of all current City employee identification cards with information about resources such as, but not limited to, the National Suicide Prevention Line, Crisis Text Line, and the New Mexico Crisis and Access Line; and
- creating suicide prevention awareness signage for City-owned buildings, which should include identifying appropriate content for the signs and determining ways to appropriately post and maintain the signs. Content determinations should consider bilingual information and cultural responsiveness to Santa Fe's demographics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body calls for all Santa Fe employers to participate in Suicide Prevention Awareness Month by increasing their employees' awareness of suicide prevention resources.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

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