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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Renee Villarreal

A RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EFFORT TO CRIMINALLY INTERFERE WITH OR OVERTURN THE RESULTS OF THE 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION THAT CULMINATED IN THE JANUARY 6, 2021, ATTACK UPON THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL; AND CALLING FOR THE PASSAGE OF FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS TO GREATLY REDUCE THE RISKS OF FUTURE INSURRECTIONS AND EFFORTS TO DELAY, DISRUPT, OR OVERTURN ELECTIONS AND TO BETTER PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD THE ELECTION PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe respects the will of the voters to choose their representatives and to maintain democracy in the United States of America (“America”); and

WHEREAS, certain public figures have alleged claims of election fraud, including allegations of fraud during the 2020 presidential election, most, if not all, of which have been unsubstantiated; and

1 **WHEREAS**, false and unsubstantiated claims of election fraud undermine the faith of
2 the American people in the election process; and

3 **WHEREAS**, claims of fraud related to the 2020 presidential election culminated in the
4 violent insurrection attack on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021; and

5 **WHEREAS**, according to the Washington Post approximately 291 candidates for office
6 in the 2022 general elections have communicated that they questioned the results of the 2020
7 presidential election or support claims that it was fraudulently decided; according to the New
8 York Times, at least 220 candidates who cast doubt or denied the results of the 2020 presidential
9 election won in the 2022 midterm elections; and

10 **WHEREAS**, unsubstantiated claims of election fraud may result in the repression of
11 votes, including, but not limited to votes of minorities; such unsubstantiated claims may also
12 result in the creation of policies and procedures whereby secretaries of state and/or state
13 legislatures may overturn the votes of the people; and

14 **WHEREAS**, a poll conducted by the Brennan Center for Justice found that one in six
15 local election officials in the United States reported experiencing threats because of their jobs and
16 that 30% of election officials polled knew election workers who left their job at least in part
17 because of fears for their safety due to increased threats or intimidation.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
19 **CITY OF SANTA FE THAT IT**

- 20 1. Supports the finding of facts, conclusions, and recommendations contained in the
21 final report of the United States House Select Committee to Investigate the January
22 6th Attack on the United States Capitol dated December 22, 2022; and
- 23 2. Condemns and will not tolerate unlawful attempts by any elected officials,
24 candidates, special interest groups, or other actors to disregard the will of the voters
25 and override the results of a free and fair election and defends the federal and state

1 Constitutions and the democratic republic from such attempts; and

2 3. Calls upon federal, state, and local law enforcement, and courts, as applicable, to
3 fully investigate the facts of unlawful attempts to nullify and overthrow the results of
4 the 2020 presidential election that culminated in the January 6, 2021, violent attack
5 on the U.S. Capitol; determine the identity and scope of the involvement of each
6 person who planned, conspired with or directed, aided and/or abetted others and/or
7 directly participated in the attack on the U.S. Capitol on that day; and, further,
8 prosecute each such person to the full extent of the law and hold him or her fully
9 accountable for his or her actions; and

10 4. Calls upon the United States Congress to enact legislation to eliminate ambiguities
11 and uncertainties in existing law concerning the transfer of presidential power as set
12 forth in the United States Constitution and the Electoral Count Act to ensure that the
13 vote of the majority of qualified voters, not the decision of any state legislature or
14 any other governmental person(s), shall determine the outcome of election of the
15 President of the United States; and to set forth clearly and thoroughly the process of
16 certification of the electoral votes for President by the members of the House and
17 Senate on the January 6th occurring after each presidential election, and determine
18 what grounds should be required for any refusal to certify the electoral count; and

19 5. Stands with election workers who are facing threats and intimidation, recognizes that
20 election officials are essential workers who work tirelessly to ensure that the voice of
21 the people is heard, and calls upon Congress and state legislatures to enact legislation
22 to protect election officials and to provide adequate funding to carry out secure and
23 safe elections; and

24 6. Calls upon Congress and state legislatures to enact legislation to provide consistent
25 and adequate funding at both the state and federal levels to make operational

1 planning and security plans timely and robust.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk’s Office shall send copies of this
3 resolution to the following persons: the Attorneys General of the United States, including the
4 Attorney General of New Mexico; U.S. Senators Martin Heinrich and Ben Ray Lujan;
5 Congressional Representative Teresa Leger Fernandez; Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham; the
6 leadership of the New Mexico Senate and House; and Senators and Representatives in the New
7 Mexico Legislature representing the City of Santa Fe.

8 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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12 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

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14 ATTEST:

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17 KRISTINE MIHELICIC, CITY CLERK

18 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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21 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *Legislation/2023/Resolutions/January 6 Investigation Support*