

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-9**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Signe I. Lindell Councilor Patti J. Bushee  
6 Mayor Javier M. Gonzales Councilor Bill Dimas  
7 Councilor Carmichael Dominguez Councilor Peter Ives  
8 Councilor Joseph Maestas Councilor Chris Rivera  
9 Councilor Ron Trujillo

10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **OPPOSING PROPOSED LEGISLATION, HOUSE BILL 55 – AMENDING NEW**  
12 **MEXICO’S HUMAN RIGHTS ACT TO PERMIT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST**  
13 **PERSONS BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, the 30 day session of the 2016 Legislative Session begins on January 19,  
16 2016; and

17 **WHEREAS**, New Mexico is a beautiful state welcoming to all people; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe has always been a proud leader in recognizing basic  
19 human rights and in fighting against discrimination; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe and New Mexico welcome all people to visit, spend money in,  
21 move to, and live in our beautiful state and city; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe and New Mexico benefit from tourism and job creation brought  
23 by all persons, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Charter of the City of Santa Fe recognizes that Santa Fe has “a  
25 history of tolerance towards all people, cultures, traditions, and lifestyles”; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the 2010 United States Census identified 5,825 same-sex couples living in  
2 New Mexico and contributing to our economy and communities as parents, neighbors, business  
3 owners, workers and students; and

4           **WHEREAS**, showcasing our diversity, The Williams Institute of the University of  
5 California at Los Angeles reports that New Mexico enjoys the largest percentage of Lesbian, Gay,  
6 Bisexual or Transgender (LGBT) Latinos leading families in the country; and

7           **WHEREAS**, gay and lesbian individuals live in New Mexico and serve as elected  
8 officials, business leaders, and religious leaders and participate in our economy and civic process;  
9 and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Human Rights Campaign reports that 89 percent of Fortune 500  
11 companies prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation; and

12           **WHEREAS**, it is in the State and City’s best interest to attract entrepreneurial and  
13 established companies alike, and other successful employers to Santa Fe and New Mexico; and

14           **WHEREAS**, when legislation to permit discrimination against persons based on sexual  
15 orientation was passed by legislatures in Arizona and Indiana, the states’ business communities  
16 strongly opposed such legislation because of its impact turning away customers, employers, and  
17 employees from those states; and

18           **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body passed Resolution 2013-44 which affirmed  
19 “the human and civil rights of the residents of the City of Santa Fe are inviolate and shall  
20 not be diminished or otherwise infringed”; and

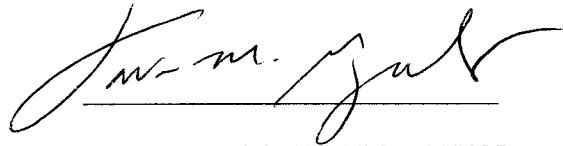
21           **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body passed Resolution 2015-32 which affirmed “the City  
22 of Santa Fe’s commitment of non-discrimination”.

23           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
24 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body urges the New Mexico Legislature and the  
25 Governor to oppose House Bill 55 being introduced at the Second Session of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Legislature

1 2016 of the State of New Mexico, which modifies the provisions of the State's Human Rights Act  
2 to permit discrimination in employment, housing, service, and other public accommodations  
3 based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

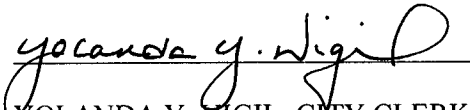
4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this  
5 resolution to the City of Santa Fe lobbyist and the City of Santa Fe State Legislative Delegation.

6 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.


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9 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

10 ATTEST:

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13 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

14 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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17 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY