

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-56**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Signe I. Lindell

6 Councilor Peter N. Ives

7 Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

8 Councilor Mike Harris

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO CREATE A RELIABLE, PREDICTABLE STREAM OF**
12 **RESOURCES TO ADDRESS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NEEDS IN AMERICA'S**
13 **NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, America's National Park System is a living testament to our citizens valor, our
16 nation's hardships, our victories, and our traditions as Americans, and has been called "America's
17 Best Idea;" and

18 **WHEREAS**, the National Park System preserves the diversity, culture, and heritage of all
19 Americans, and serves as a living classroom for future generations; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, the National Park Service is celebrating its centennial and currently
21 manages 410 nationally significant sites and an invaluable collection of more than 75,000 natural and
22 cultural assets that span 84 million acres across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several
23 U.S. territories and insular areas; and

24 **WHEREAS**, New Mexico is home to 15 national park units, including Carlsbad Caverns
25 National Park, Valles Caldera National preserve, as well as monuments like Petroglyph and White

1 Sands; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe is a gateway community to both Pecos National Historical Park and
3 Bandelier National Monument; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the National Park Service’s mission is to “to conserve the scenery and the
5 natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in
6 such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future
7 generations;” and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 2015, the National Park System had more than 307 million visitors with 1.7
9 million of them enjoying national parks in New Mexico; and

10 **WHEREAS**, a recent report has shown that for every \$1 we invest in our national parks,
11 there is a \$10 economic benefit to the local community; and

12 **WHEREAS**, national parks support over 275,000 direct and secondary jobs nationwide; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 2015, National Park Service estimates indicate that park visitors spent more
14 than “\$97.5 million in New Mexico at the sites and local communities adjacent to national parks; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the National Park Service has the obligation to preserve our nation’s history;
16 promote access to national parks for all citizens; stimulate revenue to sustain itself and nearby
17 communities; educate the public about America’s natural, cultural and historical resources, and
18 provide safe facilities and environs to enjoy these resources; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, the National Park Service estimated a deferred maintenance backlog of
20 nearly \$12 billion, over \$113 million of which is needed in New Mexico which includes repairs to
21 aging historical structures, trails, sewers, drainage, thousands of miles of roads, bridges, tunnels, and
22 other vital infrastructure; and

23 **WHEREAS**, needed repairs in New Mexico include out-of-service elevators at Carlsbad
24 Caverns, an outdated electrical system at Bandelier, deferred trail maintenance at Petroglyph National
25 Monument and at the Pecos National Historic Park as well as other maintenance at Chaco Canyon, El

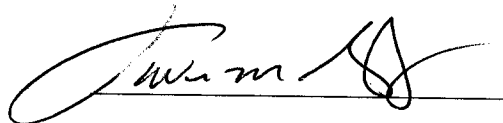
1 Malpais, Gila Cliff Dwellings, Old Santa Fe Trail Building National Historic Side, Manhattan Project
2 National Historical Park, Valles Caldera and White Sands; and

3 **WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of Congress to maintain America's national parks to
4 ensure our natural places and our history is preserved and documented for future generations, and for
5 the adjacent communities that rely on the direct and indirect economic benefits generated by visits to
6 national park sites.

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
8 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City of Santa Fe urges Congress to create a reliable, predictable
9 stream of resources to address deferred maintenance needs in America's National Park System.

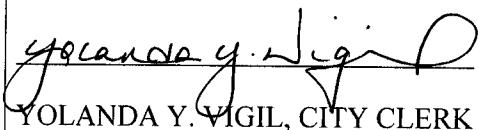
10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this
11 resolution to the Secretary of the Interior, Director of the Office of Cabinet Affairs, President Pro
12 Tempore of the U.S. Senate, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and the New Mexico
13 Congressional delegation.

14 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of July, 2016.

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JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

17 ATTEST:

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20 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

21 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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24 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

25 *M/Legislation/Resolutions 2016/2016-56 Support for National Park System*