

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-60**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Javier M. Gonzales

6 Councilor Peter N. Ives

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ACTION AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION**
12 **TO KEEP UNLEASED FEDERAL FOSSIL FUELS IN THE GROUND.**

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14 **WHEREAS**, scientific consensus is unequivocal that the global climate is warming;
15 warming is having widespread impacts on human and natural systems; warming is primarily due
16 to human-induced greenhouse gas emissions, in large part from burning fossil fuels; and warming
17 poses unprecedented threats to human and natural systems; and

18 **WHEREAS**, warming and climate change are already impacting New Mexico’s human
19 and natural systems through increased temperatures, hotter and more severe droughts, decreased
20 river flows, and larger and more severe wildfires; and

21 **WHEREAS**, because further warming will exacerbate impacts to New Mexico’s natural
22 and human environments at increasing costs to environmental, social, and economic values; and

23 **WHEREAS**, climate change, if unchecked, will continue to impact human health, natural
24 systems, and infrastructure, creating new costs for individuals, businesses, and governments; and

25 **WHEREAS**, local, regional and global economies are transitioning to clean energy

1 sources, and New Mexico businesses have the opportunity to lead in providing energy efficiency
2 and renewable energy technologies and services; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe has an interest in federal and global policies that
4 reduce greenhouse gas emissions and minimize future climate change impacts; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in the December 2015 Paris Agreement under the United Nations
6 Framework Convention on Climate Change, the U.S. and nearly 200 other nations adopted the
7 goal of limiting global warming “to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue
8 efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels;” and

9 **WHEREAS**, in order to meet that goal scientific studies show that greenhouse gas
10 pollution must be rapidly reduced and at least 80 percent of *existing* fossil fuels remain in the
11 ground; and

12 **WHEREAS**, federal fossil fuel leasing accounts for approximately 25 percent of all U.S.
13 and 3-4 percent of global fossil fuel greenhouse gas emissions; and

14 **WHEREAS**, federal fossil fuel leasing continues to *expand* fossil fuel reserves by
15 opening new fossil fuel deposits to exploration and development; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the global carbon budget necessary for preserving a 66% chance of limiting
17 global warming to below 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels is approximately 319 billion tons
18 carbon dioxide equivalent (319 GtCO₂e); and

19 **WHEREAS**, about half of all remaining U.S. potential greenhouse gas emissions from
20 fossil fuels -- 450 GtCO₂e -- are federally controlled and publicly owned and have not yet been
21 leased to private industry; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 2015 over 67 million acres of federal fossil fuels were already leased to
23 the fossil fuel industry, representing up to 43 GtCO₂e of potential greenhouse gas pollution and
24 decades’ worth of energy; and

25 **WHEREAS**, under existing authorities of the Mineral Leasing Act, the Federal Land

1 Management and Policy Act, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and other laws, U.S.
2 presidents can cease new federal fossil fuel leasing and subsequent exploration on public lands
3 and oceans; and

4 **WHEREAS**, introduced federal legislation in the House and Senate known as the “Keep
5 It In The Ground Act” would cease new federal fossil fuel leasing and subsequent exploration on
6 public lands and oceans; and

7 **WHEREAS**, halting new federal leasing would remove the equivalent of up to 450
8 billion tons of greenhouse gases—up to half of the potential emissions from all remaining fossil
9 fuels in the U.S.—from the global pool of potential pollution; and

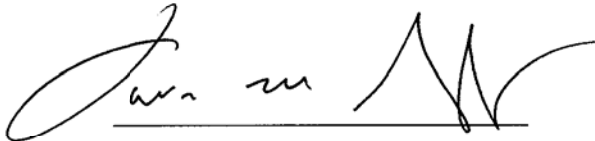
10 **WHEREAS**, executive action and federal legislation to cease new federal fossil fuel
11 leasing would demonstrate necessary global leadership in the fight to reduce greenhouse gas
12 emissions and avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
14 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City of Santa Fe supports the following:

- 15 1. Federal executive action to halt new federal fossil fuel leasing; and
- 16 2. Federal legislation to halt new federal fossil fuel leasing; and
- 17 3. Encourages members of the New Mexico congressional delegation to co-sponsor,
18 promote and pass federal legislation to halt new federal fossil fuel leasing.


19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this
20 resolution to the New Mexico Congressional delegation.

21 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of August, 2016.


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25 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

1 ATTEST:

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3 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

4 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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6 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *M/Legislation/Resolutions 2016/2016-60 Keep it in the Ground*