

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-43**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Signe I. Lindell Mayor Javier M. Gonzales  
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY ON JUNE 2, 2017.**

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13 **WHEREAS**, every day, 48 children and teens are shot in murders, assaults, suicides and  
14 suicide attempts, unintentional shootings, and police intervention – of those 48, seven die from  
15 gun violence and 41 are shot but survive the ordeal (Brady Campaign); and

16 **WHEREAS**, every day 297 people in the United States are shot in murders, assaults,  
17 suicides and suicide attempts, unintentional shootings, and police intervention, of which 91 die  
18 and 208 are shot but survive the ordeal (Brady Campaign); and

19 **WHEREAS**, every year 32,51 people die in the United States as a result of gun violence  
20 – 11,294 are murdered, 19,992 kill themselves, 561 are killed unintentionally, 414 are killed by  
21 police intervention (Brady Campaign); and

22 **WHEREAS**, Americans are 25 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people  
23 in other developed countries; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Violence Policy Center has found that for every on justifiable homicide  
25 by firearm in the United States, 44 criminal homicides occurred by firearm, and does not take into

1 account lives lost due to suicide and accidental shootings; and

2       **WHEREAS**, a study by Charles Branas in the American Journal of Public Health in  
3 2009 found that individuals in possession of a gun were 4.5 times more likely to be shot in an  
4 assault than those not in possession; and

5       **WHEREAS**, New Mexico has some of the weakest gun violence prevention laws in the  
6 country and some of the worst incidents of gun violence; and

7       **WHEREAS**, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), New Mexico is the 8<sup>th</sup>  
8 worst state for gun violence, with a death rate 55% higher than the national rate; and

9       **WHEREAS**, from 2010-2014 firearms death mortality rates were the third leading cause  
10 of death in New Mexico (CDC); and

11       **WHEREAS**, from 2010-2014 firearm suicide was the third leading cause of death among  
12 individuals 10-64 years of age and the second leading cause of death among adults 65 years and  
13 older in New Mexico (NM IBIS); and

14       **WHEREAS**, from 2010-2014 in New Mexico assault firearm injury ER visits increased  
15 138% and unintentional firearm injury increased by 53%; (NM IBIS) and

16       **WHEREAS**, in 2015, 339 people were shot and killed in New Mexico, a 16.4% increase  
17 from the year before (NM IBIS); and

18       **WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is a mayors' highest  
19 responsibility; and

20       **WHEREAS**, by increasing awareness of this issue and showing national leaders that  
21 there is public support for increased background checks for firearm purchases, and support for a  
22 renewal of the assault weapons ban, the public can counter the influence pro-gun groups have on  
23 our nationally elected leaders; and

24       **WHEREAS**, municipalities around the country will commemorate National Gun  
25 Violence Awareness Day by bathing local landmarks in orange light, or recognizing the

1 importance of the day in other meaningful ways; and

2           **WHEREAS**, in 2015 68 mayors and over 150 organizations participated in National Gun  
3 Violence Awareness Day, a movement to bring national awareness of the need to reform our gun  
4 laws; and

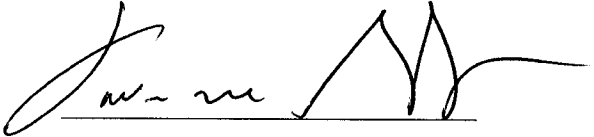
5           **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body adopted Resolution 2016-41 in support of National  
6 Gun Violence Awareness Day, which included events at the Plaza on the evening of June 2, 2016;  
7 and

8           **WHEREAS**, the 2017 National Gun Violence Awareness Day is Friday, June 2, 2017,  
9 with associated events held on Saturday, June 3, 2017

10           **WHEREAS**, all citizens are encouraged to show their support for the 2017 National Gun  
11 Violence Awareness Day by donning orange on Saturday, June 3, 2017 be it a shirt, tie, pin or  
12 button; and

13           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
14 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body is in full support of National Gun Violence  
15 Awareness Day on Friday, June 2, 2017 and associated activities on Saturday, June 3, 2017; and  
16 expresses its support for enhanced background checks on all sales of firearms within the United  
17 States.

18           PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017.

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22 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR  
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1 ATTEST:

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5 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

6 Kelley A. Brennan  
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