

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-68**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Peter N. Ives

6 Mayor Javier M. Gonzales Councilor Signe I. Lindell  
7 Councilor Renee D. Villarreal Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo  
8 Councilor Carmichael A. Dominguez Councilor Joseph M. Maestas

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO UNDERTAKE A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO**  
12 **EXPLORE DEVELOPMENT OF FREE WALLS FOR STREET ARTISTS ON**  
13 **MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES; AND PRESENTING THE STUDY TO THE GOVERNING**  
14 **BODY WITHIN 90 DAYS OF ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, nationally the cost of graffiti removal is estimated to be \$12 billion per  
17 year; and

18 **WHEREAS**, research in Seattle, Washington found that 60% of graffiti is found on  
19 public property; and

20 **WHEREAS**, during the first six months of 2017, the City of Santa Fe removed 550  
21 instances of graffiti from across the City; and

22 **WHEREAS**, historically, graffiti abatement has occurred through criminalization and  
23 repair; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of graffiti “free walls” in public spaces have been used to  
25 offer legal opportunities for graffiti artists to learn, develop and highlight their skills; and

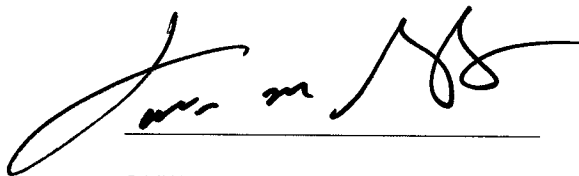
1           **WHEREAS**, such free walls may help foster a feeling of ownership and pride in the  
2 community while creating a dialogue between government and the public; and

3           **WHEREAS**, community mural art can be a form of expression and cultural relevance  
4 and provide opportunities to work with youth, community groups and neighborhoods.

5           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
6 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City Manager is directed to undertake a feasibility study to  
7 explore the potential development of free walls for street artists on municipal properties in the  
8 City of Santa Fe in order to abate graffiti on public property.

9           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the study shall be presented to the members of the  
10 Governing Body within 90 days of adoption of this resolution.

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12           PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

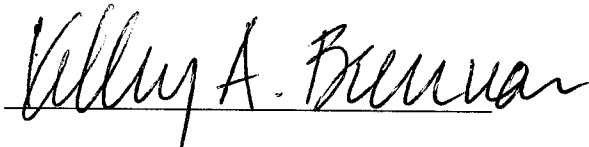
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JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

17   ATTEST:

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

21   APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

25   *M/Legislation/Resolutions 2017/2017-68 Graffiti Abatement Study*