

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Christopher M. Rivera

6 Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW POLICE OFFICERS**  
12 **TO RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AFTER RETIREMENT**  
13 **WHILE CONTINUING TO COLLECT THEIR EARNED PERA BENEFITS.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body supports legislation during the 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislature,  
16 Second Session that would allow retired City of Santa Fe Police Officers to return to work and  
17 collect Public Employee Retirement Association of New Mexico (PERA); and

18 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe Police Department and other departments have  
19 suffered from a continued shortfall in officers; and

20 **WHEREAS**, there has been difficulty in filling an average of 20 positions allowed by the  
21 budget, and the police department has not been in a position to request the additional ten 10  
22 positions pending from annexation; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Albuquerque Police Department has reported a shortage of  
24 approximately 400 officers; and

25 **WHEREAS**, violence against police officers has led to less interest in joining the Police

1 Department; and

2       **WHEREAS**, the FBI is reporting a 4.18% increase in violent crime and 4 percent  
3 increase in property crimes in Santa Fe between 2015 and 2016; and

4       **WHEREAS**, the FBI is reporting a 15.5% increase in violent crime and 13.3 percent  
5 increase in property crimes in Albuquerque between 2015 and 2016; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the FBI is reporting 6.8% increase in violent crime and 6.2 percent increase  
7 in property crimes across the state between 2015 and 2016; and

8       **WHEREAS**, PERA allows law enforcement officers to retire with 20 and 25 years of  
9 service which allows officers to retire at a young age

10       **WHEREAS**, current PERA rules do not allow police officers to return to work without  
11 forfeiture of all retirement benefits; and

12       **WHEREAS**, because of this, many officers choose to continue work with Federal and  
13 Tribal agencies to maintain benefits and certifications; and

14       **WHEREAS**, changing PERA rules to allow law enforcement officers to return to duty  
15 while continuing to collect their earned PERA benefits would help ease the shortfall that Santa Fe  
16 and many other communities across the State are facing.

17       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
18 **CITY OF SANTA FE** supports the Legislature's passage and the Governor's execution of  
19 legislation to allow retired Santa Fe police officers to return to employment in law enforcement  
20 and continue to collect their earned PERA benefits.

21       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk of the City of Santa Fe shall  
22 promptly communicate this Resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the House  
23 Majority Floor Leader, the House Minority Floor Leader, the House Majority Whip, the House  
24 Minority Whip, the Senate President Pro-Tempore, the Senate Minority Floor Leader, the Senate  
25 Majority Whip, the Senate Minority Whip, and to the Governor of the State of New Mexico.

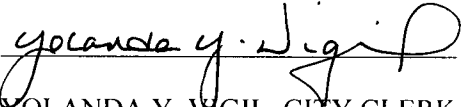
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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.



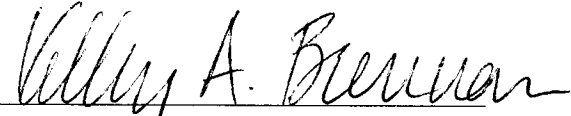
JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY