

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Javier M. Gonzales Councilor Joseph M. Maestas
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING CONTINUING EFFORTS TO INVEST IN AND PROMOTE SANTA FE'S**
12 **WALKABILITY AND TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST DESIGNATION AS A WALK**
13 **FRIENDLY COMMUNITY.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, a Walk Friendly Community is a city or town that has shown a commitment to
16 improving and sustaining walkability and pedestrian safety through comprehensive programs, plans,
17 and policies; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Communities receive recognition in the form of a Bronze, Silver, Gold or
19 Platinum designation; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Walk Friendly Communities is a national recognition program developed to
21 encourage towns and cities to establish or recommit to a high priority for supporting safer walking
22 environments; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Walk Friendly Communities is supported by the Pedestrian and Bicycle
24 Information Center (PBIC), a national clearing house on bicycling and walking funded by the US
25 department of Transportation; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the City has already achieved Silver status as a Bike Friendly Community and
2 is currently applying for a Gold designation; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the benefits of being walk friendly include:

- 4 1. Safety – designing streets for people instead of cars improves safety for all users
- 5 2. Health – regular physical activity reduces the risk of chronic disease and improves
6 quality of life for people of all ages
- 7 3. Equity – prioritize and invest in travel modes that serve all members of the community
- 8 4. Environment – more walking, biking and transit use means less air pollution from motor
9 vehicles and a reduced dependence on fossil fuels
- 10 5. Economic – walkable communities draw investment from residents, businesses and
11 tourists alike; and

12 **WHEREAS**, these benefits speak directly to the City’s General Plan themes and aspirations
13 including: Quality of Life, Sustainability, Transportation Alternative, and Santa Fe’s Urban Form and
14 Character; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe continues to invest in and improve its excellent arterial system of
16 dedicated urban multi-use trails for bicycles and pedestrians; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe continues to reconstruct roads with Complete Street design elements
18 and has improved safety for all modes by reducing lanes through Road Diets; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City has completed a Public Right of Way Transition Plan in compliance
20 with the Americans with Disabilities Act with the intended long term outcome of providing specific
21 pedestrian facilities investment improving accessibility for all users; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has completed a
23 stand-alone but inclusive Pedestrian Master Plan for the City that provides guidance for creating and
24 maintaining a safe, attractive, and functional environment for pedestrians; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the MPO has also has completed a Bus Stop Inventory and Sidewalk

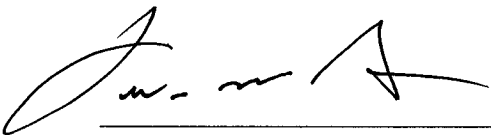
1 Connectivity Study to identify and prioritize infrastructure improvements for pedestrians and transit
2 users; and

3 **WHEREAS**, future application for higher levels of designation would be aided by taking the
4 following actions that show a more project-focused commitment to improving the pedestrian
5 environment:

- 6 1. Increase allocation of funds or seek additional funding to invest in pedestrian safety
7 and sidewalk infrastructure improvements;
- 8 2. Create a full time position for a Bike/Pedestrian Coordinator position to provide staff
9 support and planning assistance; to identify funding opportunities and write grants;
10 and, to interface with local bike and pedestrian advocacy groups;
- 11 3. Restructure the Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee to add pedestrian advocates
12 and be a forum to gather public input and address pedestrian related issues and to
13 program pedestrian infrastructure improvement projects through the Public Works
14 Committee and to City Council.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
16 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that it approves and supports these continuing efforts to invest in, subject to
17 appropriation, and to promote Santa Fe's walkability and to achieve the highest designation as a Walk
18 Friendly Community.

19 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of February, 2018.

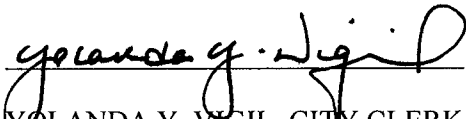
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23 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR
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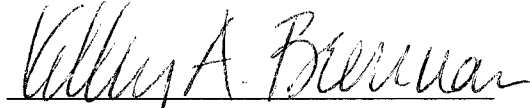
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