

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-61**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

6 Councilor Christopher M. Rivera

7 Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **IN SUPPORT OF RENEWAL OF THE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT GROSS**
12 **RECEIPTS TAX.**

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14 **WHEREAS**, on October 6th, 2008 the Governing Body adopted Resolution 2008-87 to
15 join the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) as a voting member, and soon
16 thereafter expanded City-delivered transit services to and from the Rail Runner through funding
17 made available by the NCRTD; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe actively participates as a member of the NCRTD to
19 ensure the provision of regional transit across Northern New Mexico; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the NCRTD is currently funded through a 1/8 of one percent increment of
21 County Regional Transit Gross Receipts Tax (CRTGRT) which is collected in Santa Fe, Los
22 Alamos, Rio Arriba and Taos counties and provides 68% of the District's revenues; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the CRTGRT is a primary source of matching funds that are leveraged to
24 obtain additional federal funding which constitutes approximately 26% of the District's revenue;
25 and

1 **WHEREAS**, the current tax is set to expire in 2024 if it is not reauthorized; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the reauthorization of the tax is a ballot issue on November 6th for the
3 voters in the District's four-county area; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the existing tax was collectively approved by the voters in the NCRTD and
5 Santa Fe County in November 2008; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the current tax is 2.5 cents on each \$20 spent; and

7 **WHEREAS**, of the approximately \$7.9 million in CRTGRT collected annually, more
8 than \$1,000,000 goes directly to the City of Santa Fe to fund City transit services including Santa
9 Fe Pickup, Folk Art Market, Spanish Market, Indian Market, Zozobra, the Farolito Walk, and
10 Santa Fe Trails routes 2, 4, and 22; and

11 **WHEREAS**, since Fiscal Year 2011 the City of Santa Fe has received approximately
12 \$9,026,720.00 in CRTGRT cumulatively; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Rail Runner has received approximately \$19,181,964.00 in CRTGRT
14 since Fiscal Year 2011, which supports transit service to and from Santa Fe City and County; and

15 **WHEREAS**, commuters, students, seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, people
16 without cars, visitors, tourists, and ecologically conscious persons wanting to reduce pollution
17 and preserve the environment all benefit from the fare free transit services funded by the
18 CRTGRT; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the use of public transit reduces carbon emissions in the region consistent
20 with City of Santa Fe's plans and goals for sustainability; and

21 **WHEREAS**, public transit reduces traffic and wear on public infrastructure including
22 City, County, and State roads; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the CRTGRT was the primary funding source for more than 784,946
24 passenger trips in FY2018; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the City supports regional transit that provides transportation to Northern

1 New Mexicans who do not have alternatives and require public transit for access to jobs and
2 essential services; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the continuation of the existing funding will not increase taxes.

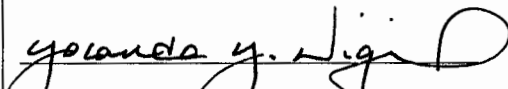
4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF**
5 **THE CITY OF SANTA FE**, that the City acknowledges the importance of the continuation of
6 funding for regional transit and the funding it would receive through reauthorization of the
7 CRTGRT and encourages its citizens to support reauthorization in November.

8 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2018.

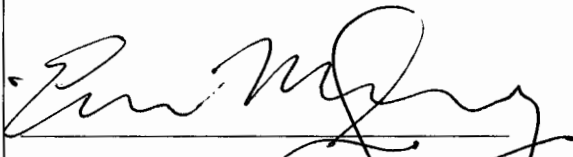
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12 ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR

13 ATTEST:

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16 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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20 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY