

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-15**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Signe I. Lindell

6 Councilor JoAnne Vigil Coppler

7 Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE POSTMASTER GENERAL**
12 **SUPPORT THE ISSUANCE OF A POSTAGE STAMP COMMEMORATING THE**
13 **FIFTIETH ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, in 1972 the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta (“Balloon Fiesta”)
16 began with the participation of 13 hot air balloons; and

17 **WHEREAS**, over the years the Balloon Fiesta has grown into the world’s largest hot air
18 ballooning event, hosting as many as one thousand balloons; and

19 **WHEREAS**, for nine days starting the first Saturday in October, pilots, crews, and
20 spectators from all over the world attend the Balloon Fiesta; and

21 **WHEREAS**, hundreds of balloons lift off at dawn each morning of the Balloon Fiesta
22 while tethered balloons glow in the evenings as propane burners inflate the colorful balloons
23 against a dark sky; and

24 **WHEREAS**, organizers document that the event has been visited by millions of people
25 since the Balloon Fiesta’s inception and organizers tout it as the world’s most photographed event

1 with an estimated 25 million photos taken each year; and

2 **WHEREAS**, in 2021 the Balloon Fiesta will mark its 50th anniversary; and

3 **WHEREAS**, visitors and aficionados collect memorabilia representing the Balloon
4 Fiesta; and

5 **WHEREAS**, a postage stamp commemorating the fiftieth annual Balloon Fiesta would
6 be a treasured remembrance of the event; and


7 **WHEREAS**, the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee ("Committee") is charged with
8 reviewing subjects for commemorative stamps and or recommending new subjects for
9 commemorative stamps to the United States Postal Service Postmaster General for determination;
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11 **WHEREAS**, selection criteria for the Committee include extraordinary and enduring
12 contributions to American society, history, culture, or environment, as well as subjects of
13 widespread national appeal and significance.

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
15 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the United States Postal Service Postmaster General is hereby
16 encouraged to support the issuance of a postage stamp commemorating the 50th Albuquerque
17 International Balloon Fiesta.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service and the Board of
20 Directors of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

21 PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2019.

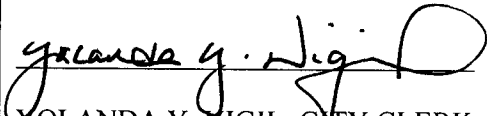
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25 ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR

1 ATTEST:

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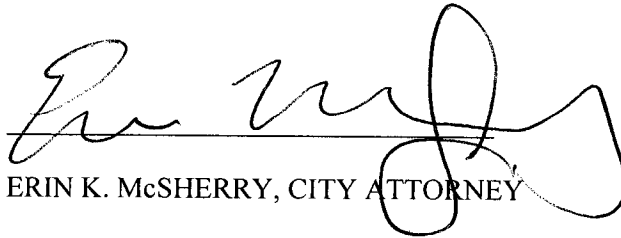

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *2019/Resolutions/2019-15 Balloon Fiesta Commemorative Stamp*