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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-47

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Alan M. Webber

Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF GLOBAL CITIZENS, LED BY YOUNG PEOPLE WHOSE FUTURES ARE THREATENED, TO PRESSURE WORLD LEADERS TO ADDRESS THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WE FACE; URGING THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR TO WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE; AFFIRMING THE CITY’S COMMITMENT TO TAKE CLIMATE CRISIS ACTION; AND URGING SANTA FE RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO BRING CLIMATE CHANGE TO THE FOREFRONT OF ISSUES REQUIRING ACTION FROM OUR POLITICAL LEADERS.

WHEREAS, Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) released their resolution calling for “Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal” on February 7, 2019 to create an equitable blueprint for addressing climate change that creates jobs and stimulates the economy; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2006, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2006-54 endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2014, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2014-85
2 declaring the Governing Body’s intent for the City of Santa Fe to become carbon neutral by the
3 year 2040; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on April 8, 2015, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2015-30
5 directing staff to draft a new sustainability plan for the City with the goal of becoming carbon
6 neutral by the year 2040; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Alan Webber has declared his goals of making Santa Fe the most
8 family-friendly, user-friendly, and the most sustainable city in America; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on May 23rd Greta Thunberg and 46 youth activists from around the world
10 called for a global climate strike on September 20th; and

11 **WHEREAS**, local youth leaders from the City of Santa Fe and other northern NM
12 communities have answered the call and issued their own demands for a just and immediate
13 transition requiring urgent action at all levels of government in NM as well as mass participation
14 from all people of NM; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the term “just transition” is a framework for a fair shift to an economy that
16 is ecologically sustainable, equitable, and just for all its members; and

17 **WHEREAS**, strategies using a just transition framework were first forged by a “blue-
18 green” alliance of labor unions and environmental justice groups who saw the need to phase out
19 the industries that were harming workers, community health, and the planet, while also providing
20 just pathways for workers into new livelihoods; and

21 **WHEREAS**, justice requires that the leadership of frontline communities, which have
22 historically borne the brunt of the extractive fossil-fuel economy, is centered in the planning and
23 implementation of an emergency mobilization effort to restore a safe and stable climate at all
24 levels of government and that they benefit from the transition to a renewable energy economy;
25 and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body adopted the City’s Sustainable Santa Fe 25-Year Plan
2 in October, 2018 which includes all of the goals of the proposed federal Green New Deal and
3 more, with a local lens focusing on the unique challenges and opportunities in the City; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the City now has two full-time professional sustainability staff dedicated to
5 implementing the 25-Year Plan; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the City is participating in a U.S. Green Building Council pilot program
7 called LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for cities to demonstrate progress
8 towards adopted goals and identify strategic actions moving forward; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the City has set the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2040 in order to
10 play its part in reducing the effects of climate change in our community; and

11 **WHEREAS**, according to a study in by John Cook in *Environmental Research Letters*¹,
12 approximately 97% of climate scientists agree that climate change is happening and that it is
13 substantially human-caused; and

14 **WHEREAS**, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
15 (NOAA), the top 10 hottest years on record have all occurred in the last 20 years, with the last 5
16 years occupying the top 5 spots; and

17 **WHEREAS**, ground- and satellite-based records of global surface temperature change
18 show linear increases from 1979 to 2009; and

19 **WHEREAS**, there is a global movement to pressure world governments to act on climate
20 change on Friday, September 20th and Friday, September 27th; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the United Nations will hold an emergency climate summit in New York
22 City on Monday, September 23rd; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the City actively supports the efforts of citizens around the world to
24 pressure national, regional, and local governments to aggressively tackle climate change and the

¹ J. Cook, et al. "Consensus on consensus: a synthesis of consensus estimates on human-caused global warming." *Environmental Research Letters* Vol. 11 No. 4, (13 April 2016)

1 adverse effects it brings to the world as a whole.

2 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
3 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby:

4 1. Joins other counties and cities of the United States in supporting the Global
5 Climate Strike on Friday, September 20, 2019;

6 2. Declares that a climate emergency threatens the region, state, nation, civilization,
7 humanity, and the natural world; and

8 3. Commits to taking bold action to facilitate a just transition to carbon neutrality by
9 2040 and calls upon our state and federal governments to do the same.

10 4. Commits to keeping the concerns of vulnerable communities central to the just
11 transition and climate emergency mobilization effort planning processes and to inviting and
12 encouraging such communities to actively participate in order to advocate directly for their needs.


13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** that the efforts by global citizens to pressure
14 leaders to address the effects of climate change are hereby supported.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body urges the public and private
16 sector to work together in any way possible to address the threat of climate change in our
17 communities.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body urges residents of Santa Fe to
19 support bringing climate change to the forefront of issues that require urgent action from our
20 political leaders.

21 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2019.

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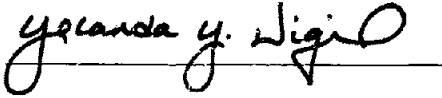


ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR

1 ATTEST:

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4 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

5 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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8 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *Legislation/2019/Resolutions/2019-47 Addressing Climate Change*