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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Mayor Alan Webber

Councilor Renee Villarreal                      Councilor Chris Rivera

Councilor JoAnne Vigil Coppler              Councilor Michael Garcia

**A RESOLUTION**

**DESIGNATING THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH AS “COVID-19 MEMORIAL DAY”  
IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES AND IN HONOR  
OF THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO SUFFER FROM THE IMPACT OF THE VIRUS; AND  
URGING RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TAKING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES TO  
MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS.**

**WHEREAS**, other municipalities throughout the country have designated the first Monday  
in March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) is an illness caused by a virus that can transmit  
from person to person that has spread across the world, creating a global pandemic that is having  
catastrophic effects on human life, our community, and our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, observance of public health orders to  
social distance and to stay at home have created challenges for small businesses, workers, and  
schools, which are working to comply with limited resources; and

**WHEREAS**, school districts, teachers, students, and parents are grappling with the

1 challenges of distance learning and working to prevent any potential learning loss due to not  
2 teaching in-person; and

3         **WHEREAS**, local and state governments, health departments, and public servants have  
4 taken bold actions to protect residents, support struggling local economies, and find innovative  
5 ways to provide services; and

6         **WHEREAS**, in response to rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, essential  
7 workers have stepped up to provide critical services to help protect our communities and save lives,  
8 sacrificing their own health and safety; and

9         **WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on low-income communities  
10 and communities of color, exacerbating inequities already prevalent in our systems that we must  
11 address as a nation; and

12         **WHEREAS**, the symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary dramatically by individual  
13 and the long-term health implications for survivors is largely unknown, as many survivors suffer  
14 with lingering side-effects of the disease long after they no longer test positive; and

15         **WHEREAS**, more than 2,480,000 people worldwide and 500,000 in the United States  
16 have lost their lives due to COVID-19, and, in Santa Fe County alone, more than 135 lives have  
17 been lost to this deadly virus; and

18         **WHEREAS**, each life lost to COVID-19 mattered and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved  
19 ones, family members, and surrounding community; and

20         **WHEREAS**, public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social  
21 distancing, wearing masks in public, and staying home help mitigate the spread of COVID-19,  
22 prevent illness, and lessen the burden on individuals and society.

23         **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body hereby designates  
24 the first Monday in March as “COVID-19 Memorial Day”, in remembrance of those who have lost  
25 their lives and in honor of those who continue to suffer from the impact of this virus.

1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body joins with over fifty other cities  
2 around the country that are recognizing the first Monday in March as “COVID-19 Memorial Day”  
3 in remembrance of those who have lost their lives and continue to suffer lasting effects of the virus  
4 and to commemorate them in an appropriate manner determined by the City each year.

5           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body urges residents to continue  
6 taking preventative measures such as social distancing and following public health orders to  
7 mitigate spread of this virus, in tribute to essential workers and those who rose in service to protect  
8 the public.

9           PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

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13 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

14 ATTEST:

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17 KRISTINE MIHELIC, CITY CLERK

18 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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21 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *Legislation/2021/Resolutions/2021-13 COVID-19 Memorial Day*