1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO RESOLUTION NO. 2008-98 2 3 INTRODUCED BY: 4 Rosemany Remero 5 6 7 8 9 10 A RESOLUTION 11 URGING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS THE HEALTH 12 SECURITY ACT. 13 14 WHEREAS, almost one out of four New Mexicans is uninsured including many residents of 15 Santa Fe; and 16 WHEREAS, premiums are escalating at double digit rates; co-pays are increasing and 17 pharmaceutical drug costs are rising; and 18 WHEREAS, rising health care costs and the lack of health insurance coverage for so many 19 New Mexicans creates a social and economic burden for the affected families, employers, health care 20 providers, the county, and the state of New Mexico; and 21 WHEREAS, increasing numbers of businesses cannot afford to provide healthcare coverage 22 for their employees, placing added financial stress on publicly financed programs such as Medicaid 23 and County Indigent Funds; and 24 WHEREAS, two different independent New Mexico studies have concluded that including 25 all or most New Mexicans in one health risk pool will substantially contain costs, reduce

1	administrative complexity and uncompensated care; and
2	WHEREAS, decreasing the percentage of city, county and state expenditures on health care
3	will free up funds to be spent in other sectors such as economic development, education, and the
4	environment; and
5	WHEREAS, New Mexico is better off creating its own approach to the health care crisis
6	rather than waiting for an unspecified national solution; and
7	WHEREAS, the Health Security Act would enable New Mexico to set up its own health care
8	plan and guarantee that all New Mexicans, regardless of age, employment or health status, will have
9	comprehensive, affordable and quality health coverage; and
10	WHEREAS, 138 New Mexico organizations and 29 municipalities and counties,
11	representing a broad cross-section of New Mexicans from all parts of the state, have endorsed the
12	Health Security Act
13	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
14	CITY OF SANTA FE that the city of Santa Fe supports the enactment of the Health Security Act
15	and will work to ensure passage of the Health Security Act.
16	PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12 <sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CVTY ATTORNEY

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