1	CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
2	RESOLUTION NO. 2013-25
3	INTRODUCED BY:
4	Councilor Bushee
_	Councilor Ives
5	Mayor Coss
6	Councilor Calvert
_	Councilor Dominguez
7	Councilor Wurzburger
8	Councilor Dimas
	Councilor Trujillo
9	Councilor Rivera
10	A RESOLUTION
11	EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE MANDATORY LABELING OF GENETICALLY
12	ENGINEERED PRODUCTS SO CONSUMERS ARE INFORMED ABOUT THE
13	POTENTIAL LONG-TERM RISKS OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED PRODUCTS TO
14	PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH ARE LARGELY UNKNOWN;
15	AND DIRECTING STAFF TO COLLABORATE WITH SANTA FE COUNTY STAFF TO
16	EXPLORE THE OPTIONS FOR ENACTING CITY/COUNTY LEGISLATION THAT
17	WOULD ENACT A PROHIBITION ON THE PROPAGATING, CULTIVATING, RAISING
18	AND GROWING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS AND/OR ENACTING
19	CITY/COUNTY LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE LABELING OF
20	FOOD SOLD IN THE CITY/COUNTY THAT CONTAINS GENETICALLY ENGINEERED
21	MATERIAL.
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23	WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe recognizes that consumers have the right to receive
24	accurate and thorough information about the products they feed to their families; and
25	WHEREAS, the potential long-term risks to public health and the environment from

1	genetically engineered products are largely unknown; and
2	WHEREAS, safety studies on genetically engineered products are limited because
3	biotechnology companies generally prohibit their cultivation for research purposes in seed licensing
4	agreements; and
5	WHEREAS, some independent, peer-reviewed research that has been done on genetically
6	engineered crops has revealed problems with liver and kidney functions in rats; deformities and
7	neurological problems in vertebrates; and lower nutrition content in pesticide-resistant crops; and
8	WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the United States Department of Agriculture to ensure
9	that genetically engineered crops are safe to grow, the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure
10	that genetically engineered products will not harm the environment and the Food and Drug
11	Administration to ensure that genetically engineered food is safe to eat; and
12	WHEREAS, the United States federal agencies that regulate genetically engineered products,
13	including crops and animals and the New Mexico Legislature have not yet enacted a comprehensive
14	plan to adequately oversee and monitor genetically engineered products; and
15	WHEREAS, farmers who produce organic or non-genetically engineered crops run the risk
16	of crop contamination from nearby genetically engineered crops; and
17	WHEREAS; farmers who unintentionally grow patented, genetically engineered seeds or
18	who harvest crops that are contaminated with genetically engineered traits could lose marketing
19	options and face costly lawsuits; and
20	WHEREAS, a 2008 CBS/New York Times poll found that 87 percent of U.S. consumers
21	wanted all genetically engineered ingredients to be labeled.
22	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
23	CITY OF SANTA FE that:
24	Section 1. The City of Santa Fe supports mandatory labeling of all genetically
25	engineered products.

1	Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the
2	following:
3	Lisa Jackson, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios
4	Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460
5	Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400
6	Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20250
7	Margaret Hamberg M.D., Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, 10903
8	New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20993
9	Jeff Witte, Secretary, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, MSC 3189, Box
10	30005, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005
11	Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510
12	Representative Ben Ray Lujan, United States House of Representatives, Washington, Do
13	20515
14	• Food & Water Watch, 103 William H. Taft Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45219.
15	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff is directed to collaborate with Santa Fe County
16	staff to explore the options for enacting City/County legislation that would enact a prohibition on
17	propagating, cultivating, raising and growing of genetically engineered organisms and/or enacting
18	City/County legislation that would provide for the labeling of food sold in the City/County that
19	contains genetically engineered material.
20	PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13 <sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.
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23	DAVID COSS, MAYOR
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