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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-93

INTRODUCED BY:

- Councilor Wurzbarger
- Councilor Ives
- Councilor Calvert
- Councilor Dominguez
- Councilor Bushee

A RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VETERANS ART THERAPY PROGRAM IN SANTA FE; DIRECTING STAFF TO CONVENE A MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES, VETERANS AFFAIRS, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES, SERVICE PROVIDERS, ART THERAPY ORGANIZATIONS, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, FUNDERS AND RELEVANT AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VETERANS ART THERAPY PROGRAM IN SANTA FE.

WHEREAS, according to the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services, 11,064 veterans live in Santa Fe county; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the prevalence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) among Operation Enduring Freedom veterans and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans is 29% percent; and

WHEREAS, PTSD affects not only veterans but their families as well; and

WHEREAS, research shows that Vietnam veterans have more marital problems and family

1 violence and their children have more behavior problems than veterans without PTSD; and

2 **WHEREAS**, as a priority area of concern for fiscal year 2014, the New Mexico Department
3 of Veteran Services has identified the need to develop long-term plans and strategies for the research
4 and treatment of PTSD, in conjunction and collaboration with the Veterans Administration, health
5 and human services agencies, community groups and volunteer services,; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the American Art Therapy Association, in a 2009 white paper entitled *Use of*
7 *Art Therapy in the Treatment of Veterans*, stated that, “For Veterans who are receiving psychiatric
8 care, art therapy can be an effective form of treatment, either as an adjunct to other therapies or as a
9 form of individual or group psychotherapy”; and

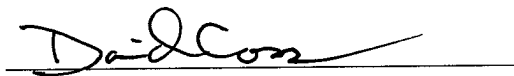
10 **WHEREAS**, numerous models of effective art therapy program for veterans and their
11 families exist around the country.

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
13 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that City staff is directed to bring together representatives of the New Mexico
14 Department of Veterans Services, Veterans Affairs, health and human services agencies, service
15 providers, art therapy organizations, nonprofit organizations, funders, and relevant agencies and
16 organizations to discuss the development of a veterans art therapy program in Santa Fe.

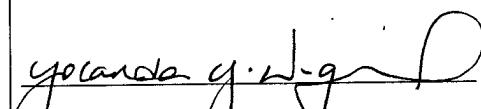
17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that staff shall deliver a report of the group’s findings and
18 recommendations to the Governing Body within 90 days of passage of this resolution.

19 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 30th day of October, 2013.

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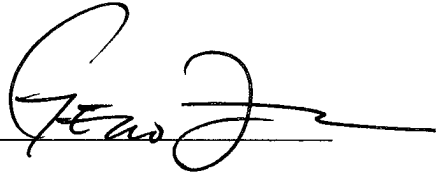
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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25 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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4 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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