



CITY OF SANTA FE

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY – CIVIL UNREST FROM INSTITUTIONAL RACISM

June 18, 2020

WHEREAS, the City’s Emergency Declaration Ordinance, Section 20-1, authorizes the Mayor to proclaim that a state of emergency exists in the City, after consultation with the emergency manager, chief of police, and/or fire chief;

WHEREAS, such an emergency proclamation allows the Mayor to prohibit and/or require certain actions to protect life and property and preserve public peace and safety;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe City Code 1987, Section 2-16, defines “emergency” as any “occasion or instance, such as a terrorist attack, terrorist threat, civil unrest, wildland and urban fire, flood, hazardous materials spill, nuclear accident, aircraft accident, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, tropical storm, tsunami, war-related disaster, public health or medical emergency, other occurrence requiring an emergency response, or

any other condition that warrants action to protect life, property, or the environment”;

WHEREAS, recent events in the City of Albuquerque and in other cities around the country have demonstrated how protests aimed at statues, monuments, and other historical figures can escalate into violence and cause serious harm to people and property;

WHEREAS, there is currently civil unrest across the country and in the City of Santa Fe, due to historic trauma and institutional racism;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe has a long and complex history that includes “trauma, tragedy, and sorrow”, which was recognized by leadership from the Caballeros de Vargas, the All Pueblo Council of Governors, the City, the Fiesta Council, and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, in a Proclamation dated September 7, 2018;

WHEREAS, certain monuments are displayed in the City of Santa Fe that depict historic figures and events that involve or depict events causing historic trauma and have led to present-day civil unrest;

WHEREAS, one such monument is the “Soldiers’ Monument”, also known as the Santa Fe Obelisk, located in the Santa Fe Plaza;

WHEREAS, another such monument is the statue of Don Diego De Vargas, located in Cathedral Park;

WHEREAS, another such monument is the Obelisk dedicated to Kit Carson, located at the federal courthouse;

WHEREAS, continued prominent and public exhibition of these monuments, without ongoing community discussion regarding their appropriate treatment and context, perpetuates systemic racism, civil unrest, and may lead to violence.

THEREFORE, I, ALAN M. WEBBER, Mayor of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, hereby declare, that an emergency exists in the City. As a result of the emergency, events have caused or are causing danger of injury or damage to persons and property within the City. I hereby invoke all Section 2-1.3, and Sections 20-1.2 through 20-1.5 of the Santa Fe City Code of 1987, to preserve the peace and order in the City of Santa Fe. In particular, I take the following actions:

I. I order the following:

- a. The City shall immediately remove the statute of Don Diego de Vargas in Cathedral Park and place it in a safe location;
- b. The City Attorney and City Manager shall work with City staff to begin the legal processes for removal of the Santa Fe Obelisk from the City's Plaza Park;
- c. The City Attorney and City Manager shall contact the proper officials with jurisdiction over the Obelisk dedicated to Kit Carson, to determine

a course of action for removal of that monument; and

- d. The First Amendment Rights of Santa Fe residents and visitors shall be protected and preserved.

II. Further, I call for the following:

- a. The formation of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to make recommendations to the City regarding the future of the City's historic statues and monuments, relevant sections of the City's Code, and other matters of education, historic trauma, and systemic racism that the City has the responsibility and opportunity to address; and
- b. Nominations for community members from Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico to be placed on a Truth and Reconciliation Commission, including nominations from the groups that drafted and signed the September 7, 2018 Proclamation, groups advocating for social justice, racial equality, historic accuracy, equity and inclusivity, gender equity, and other shared values and representing the diversity of all parts of the Santa Fe community; and
- c. I call on all members of the community in Santa Fe to maintain the peace in our city; to reject expressions of anger that involve violence or hatred; to use this moment to engage in respectful dialog about our

city's past and prayerful reflection on our city's future; and to embrace peace and reconciliation as a true fulfillment of the shared values of the people of Santa Fe.


III. Effective Date

I hereby declare that this Proclamation will become effective upon my signature and order the City Manager to disseminate the contents hereof to the public by appropriate news media and any other means at her disposal.

IV. Term.

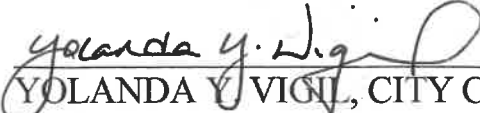
This Proclamation of Emergency is effective as of the date of my signature, below, and may be extended for such additional periods of time as determined necessary by Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 18th day of June, 2020 at the hour of 12:40 o'clock P.M. (MDT).



ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR
City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

ATTEST:



YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK
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