

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-21**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

4 Councilor Bushee

5 Mayor Coss

6 Councilor Trujillo

7 Councilor Dominguez

8 Councilor Chavez

9 Councilor Calvert

10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **CONCERNING FEDERAL COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM.**

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13 **WHEREAS**, the city of Santa Fe recognizes the economic, social and cultural  
14 contributions that immigrants bring to Santa Fe; and

15 **WHEREAS**, one of the responsibilities of the Governing Body of the city of Santa Fe is  
16 to protect the wellbeing and safety of all the people residing in our city; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Legislature, with broad support from law enforcement,  
18 faith, business, labor and community organizations, as well as local governments, has passed laws  
19 meant to integrate immigrants into our communities, such as the provision of driver's licenses  
20 and in-state tuition at state colleges to qualified persons regardless of immigration status; and

21 **WHEREAS**, many local governments including the city of Santa Fe have passed  
22 resolutions, ordinances and policy directives recognizing that it is the role of the federal  
23 government to enforce civil immigration laws and reaffirming non-participation in the  
24 enforcement of civil immigration law by city officials and agencies in order to promote  
25 immigrant trust in its police and avert racial profiling and civil rights violations; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the International Association of Chiefs of Police Guide to Immigration  
2 Issues concludes that local police leaders face a growing set of immigration related duties in the  
3 face of scarce and narrowing resources; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the city of Santa Fe opposes the separation of families by raids and other  
5 activities meant to enforce our current broken immigration system and supports the reunification  
6 of families that have been so separated, especially those “mixed status” families with U.S. citizen  
7 children of which there are an estimated four million children currently in this country; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the city of Santa Fe supports the establishment of a federal process whereby  
9 undocumented immigrants currently living in the U.S. may earn legalized status through payment  
10 of appropriate fees and other reasonable requirements; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the city of Santa Fe supports an efficient immigration program that enables  
12 businesses to hire qualified foreign workers to meet local economic demands; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the city of Santa Fe believes that immigration reform must occur in a  
14 comprehensive, thoughtful manner that focuses on the creation of economic opportunities and  
15 that strengthens families and communities.

16           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
17 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body calls on Congress to enact comprehensive  
18 immigration reform that addresses: (1) smart, efficient border security; (2) the reunification of  
19 immigrant families; (3) a path to citizenship for undocumented workers currently in the U.S.; (4)  
20 legal means of immigration for foreign nationals who want to work in the U.S. temporarily, as  
21 well as for those who desire to become legal permanent residents or gain citizenship; (5)  
22 resources to help cities alleviate the economic impact of delivering services to new residents; and  
23 (6) resources to help cities integrate new residents into their communities.

24           **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body reaffirms its  
25 commitment to civil rights and equal access to all municipal services including police protection

1 regardless of immigration status and that it opposes legislation encouraging or compelling local  
2 law enforcement to enforce federal civil immigration laws.

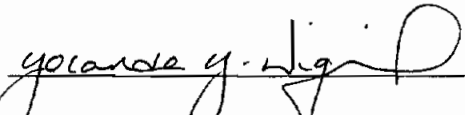
3 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of  
4 this resolution to Santa Fe's Congressional Delegation.

5 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2010.

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9 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

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11 ATTEST:

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14 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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19 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 Jp/ca/jpmb/2010 res/immigration reform