

1 years of life and providing high-quality early childhood services and programs to children and their
2 families prepares children to thrive in school and in life and is much less costly than later
3 interventions; and

4 **WHEREAS**, research has demonstrated that each dollar invested in early childhood care and
5 education generates between \$7 and \$10 in productivity gains and cost savings to society over the
6 lifetime of a child; and

7 **WHEREAS**, public and private investments in early childhood care and education benefit the
8 business community by fostering the growth of local small businesses, many of which are women-
9 and minority-owned; by making it possible for the parents of young children to work and further their
10 education; and by improving educational outcomes, and thus the future workforce readiness, of
11 children; and

12 **WHEREAS**, to make meaningful and lasting improvements in outcomes for children and
13 families, a large investment in early childhood services is necessary; and

14 **WHEREAS**, such investment must be sustained, reliable and invulnerable to disruption by
15 political changes at the state or national level; and

16 **WHEREAS**, local funding for, and oversight of early childhood programs is needed and such
17 programs should reflect community values and address the unique needs of community residents and
18 institutions; and

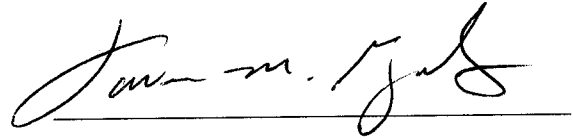
19 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe must take a more active and strategic role in setting priorities and
20 funding programs for young children and their families; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe recognizes that from May 2015 – May 2016 is the Year of the Baby
22 with community events celebrating the first five years of life, including the Fiesta Para Bebes on May
23 2, 2015.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
25 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body proclaims its support and encourages community

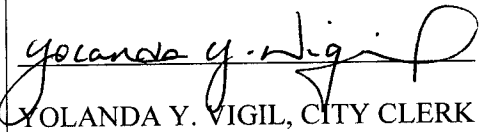
1 efforts to create public awareness of the importance of early childhood education and care, and
2 support and expansion of high-quality programs that support the health, learning and stability of
3 young children and their families living in Santa Fe County.

4 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2015.

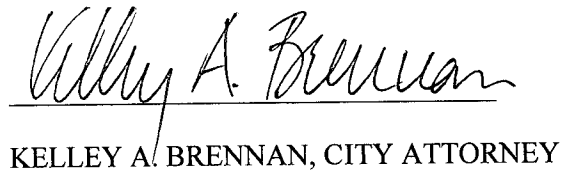
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7 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

8 ATTEST:

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11 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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14 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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17 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY