

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-83**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Javier M. Gonzales

6 Councilor Peter N. Ives

7 Councilor Signe I. Lindell

8 Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **IN SUPPORT OF THE GUNS TO GARDENS PROJECT SPONSORED BY NEW**  
12 **MEXICANS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE.**

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2016-41 on May 25, 2016  
15 recognizing and supporting National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on August 10, 2016, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2016-59  
17 requesting the city of Santa Fe Police Department implement a policy of destruction for firearms  
18 in possession of the department that are no longer needed for use in obtaining a conviction, or  
19 needed for any other public purpose; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2016 the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2016-  
21 70 that expressed support for the New Mexico Legislature to enact legislation that requires  
22 comprehensive background checks for firearm sales, and which strengthens the criminal  
23 background check system; and

24 **WHEREAS**, firearms deaths in New Mexico increased 16.4% between 2014 and 2015;  
25 and

1           **WHEREAS**, unwanted working guns are often stored carelessly and/or forgotten which  
2 creates a dangerous environment in the home; and

3           **WHEREAS**, an unwanted working gun has a better chance of being stolen and then  
4 involved in crime; and

5           **WHEREAS**, gun buybacks offer people the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted  
6 guns in order to get them out of homes and off our streets; and

7           **WHEREAS**, according to the Center for Disease Control, New Mexico children die by  
8 firearms at a rate 60% higher than the national average; and

9           **WHEREAS**, getting unwanted working firearms out of homes is especially important for  
10 safeguarding children; and

11           **WHEREAS**, according to the Department of Public Health, in 2015 New Mexico suicide  
12 rates were 50% higher in the U.S. and was the second leading cause of death for New Mexico  
13 residents ages 10-39; and

14           **WHEREAS**, from 2010-2014 more than half of suicides in New Mexico were committed  
15 with a firearm; and

16           **WHEREAS**, New Mexico is the fourth highest in the country for gun ownership; and

17           **WHEREAS**, according to the Annals of Emergency Medicine, persons residing in  
18 households with firearms are nearly twice as likely to be fatally shot and four times as likely to  
19 die from suicide.

20           **WHEREAS**, a gun buyback is a useful injury prevention and community tool; and

21           **WHEREAS**, New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence (NMPGV) wants to take the  
22 thousands of unwanted working guns in New Mexico and turn them into shovels and spades as  
23 part of the Guns to Gardens project for community gardens and artworks created by the Santa Fe  
24 Community College art students; and

25           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**

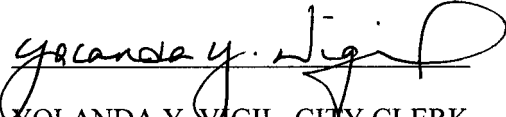
1 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body supports the Guns to Gardens project sponsored  
2 by New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence

3 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.


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6 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

7 ATTEST:

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10 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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14 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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