

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-67**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

4 Mayor Coss

5 Councilor Ives

6 Councilor Calvert

7 Councilor Dimas

8 Councilor Trujillo

9 Councilor Wurzburger

10 Councilor Dominguez

11 Councilor Bushee

12 **A RESOLUTION**

13 **SUPPORTING THE PERMANENT PROTECTION OF THE RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE.**

14 **WHEREAS**, the Rio Grande del Norte consists of spectacular public lands spanning 235,980
15 acres of extraordinary scenic, environmental, economic, cultural and recreational value in Taos and
16 Rio Arriba counties; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Rio Grande del Norte supports a unique suite of flora and fauna, and is a
18 rich wildlife habitat for elk, bighorn sheep, otter, fish, and birds of prey, and encompasses an
19 important wildlife migration corridor; and

20 **WHEREAS**, this swath of wild land offers a paradise for hiking and fishing, and supports
21 traditional land uses including hunting, gathering and grazing, and is an outstanding place for
22 observing nature in all of its splendor, offering a much-needed refuge for human solitude and spiritual
23 rejuvenation; and

24 **WHEREAS**, protecting a substantial portion of the Rio Grande and its watershed will help
25 sustain a key irrigation source for farmers and acequias and a key water supply for many towns and
cities, and will help ensure that people and wildlife can use the river for years to come in New

1 Mexico; and

2 **WHEREAS**, harm to these lands and waters would damage our region's economy and
3 culture, with demoralizing consequences for generations to come; and

4 **WHEREAS**, significant tourism revenues flow from this area in a state where tourism is the
5 economic spine and there is significant potential for increasing these revenues through permanent
6 protection of the Rio Grande del Norte; and


7 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe has assumed a national leadership role in protecting and preserving
8 public lands, and permanent protection of the Rio Grande del Norte is a critical step in perpetuating
9 the values of the people of northern New Mexico, who for centuries have demonstrated their deeply
10 and widely held values of treasuring and protecting this great land; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in New Mexico's centennial anniversary year, permanent protection of the Rio
12 Grande del Norte, through legislation passed by Congress or as a National Monument designated by
13 the President, is warranted and would be a fitting way to honor our people, our state and our
14 grandchildren's future.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
16 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the governing body does hereby proclaim its wholehearted support for
17 permanent protection of the Rio Grande del Norte.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution
19 to Barack Obama, President of the United States, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, Senator
20 Bingaman, Senator Udall, Congressman Heinrich and Congressman Lujan.

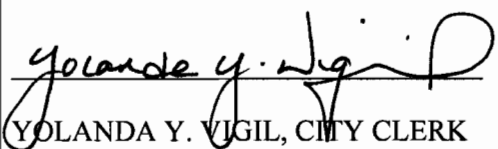
21 PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 2012.

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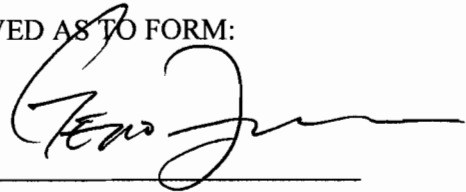
24 DAVID COSS, MAYOR
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ATTEST:


YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY