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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-89

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Calvert

A RESOLUTION

ENDORISING THE EFFORTS OF THE DENTAL COMMUNITY TO COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS, HEALTH PROVIDERS AND STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO FORMULATE A PLAN TO PROVIDE INCREASED SERVICES, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TO THE RESIDENTS OF SANTA FE COUNTY IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE ORAL HEALTH FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS; AND DECLARING THAT THE CITY OF SANTA FE, BEGINNING IN 2013 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER, WILL RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS “ORAL HEALTH MONTH,” WITH ONE DAY IN FEBRUARY BEING DESIGNATED AS “ORAL HEALTH DAY”.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe currently provides children and youth and human services funding opportunities and support for local nonprofit organizations and public school programs that provide services that promote healthy life styles for all Santa Feans, from infants to the elderly; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the City and Santa Fe County formed the Food Policy Council whose purpose is to integrate the City, County, non-profit organizations and food and farming businesses in

1 a common effort to improve the availability of safe and nutritious food at reasonable prices for all
2 residents, particularly those in need; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the vision of the New Mexico Department of Health Strategic Plan for FY 12,
4 is to “increase the awareness of families, individuals, and organizations as to the importance of good
5 oral health;” and

6 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to reduce the incidence of dental disease and to increase access for
7 those who are experiencing dental disease along with promoting oral health as part of good general
8 health, the Department of Health, Office of Oral Health (“OOH”) provides the following programs
9 and services:

- 10 • **School Based Dental Sealant Program** – Such program has been in existence since
11 1978 and consists of providing oral health education, dental screening, application of
12 dental sealant and notification to the parent or guardian of the oral health status of the
13 child through the 125 schools that participate in the Federal Free or Reduced School
14 Lunch Program.
- 15 • **Dental Case Manager Program** – Since 2005, the OOH and the Family Health Bureau,
16 Children’s Medical Services (CMS) jointly provide a dental case management program to
17 eligible low income and non-insured participating children. The goal of such program is
18 to employ a dental case manager to improve access to oral health care and to reduce
19 dental cavities in children 12 years of age and under. The dental case manager works with
20 the various programs and community partners to schedule dental screenings, collaborates
21 with oral health professionals to provide preventive dental services and provides follow-
22 up services for those cases that need further dental care.
- 23 • **Fluoride Varnish Program** – Low income and non-insured children participating in
24 Head Start, WIC, Families First and Cleft Palate programs receive oral health education,
25 dental screenings, fluoride varnish applications and the services of the dental case

1 manager. Parents receive oral health education training (nutrition, dental hygiene, and
2 injury prevention).

- 3 • **Dental Preventative and Treatment Services** – OOH contracts with a number of dental
4 providers throughout the State to provide dental preventative and treatment services to
5 low income and non-insured New Mexicans. The services provided include providing
6 dental sealants, fluoride varnish, and treating dental diseases.

7 **WHEREAS**, additionally, the OOH coordinates the New Mexico Oral Health Surveillance
8 Advisory Committee which is responsible for conducting surveys, collecting dental data and
9 analyzing oral health data and identifies the oral health status of New Mexicans which is used by the
10 State, local government, and the Legislature in the development and funding of oral health services;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the programs and services currently provided by the OOH, there
13 is a need for collaboration between the OOH, the dental community, local schools, medical providers
14 and state and local governmental entities to formulate a plan that will include, but not be limited to
15 the following:

- 16 • Provide education regarding the causes of oral disease and prevention strategies;
- 17 • Dietary guidelines that will provide healthy alternatives for proper oral health;
- 18 • Allow for schools, including principals, teachers and school nurses to be an essential
19 partner in promoting and providing oral health opportunities;
- 20 • Provide increased opportunities for parental involvement in their children’s oral health;
- 21 • Collaborate with community partners to increase oral health access to care for children
22 and adults;
- 23 • The establishment of Oral Health Month in the city of Santa Fe; and
- 24 • The establishment of a poster contest, through the local schools, that will promote Oral
25 Health Month

1 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body supports the proposed efforts to reduce the incidence of
2 tooth decay among our children and desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the
3 local oral health coalition to outline the potential preventive services, education and outreach the
4 partners will provide to the community; and

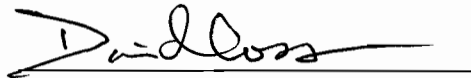
5 **WHEREAS**, the coalition and the City would work together to research and potentially
6 secure public/private funding mechanisms that may be determined appropriate.

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
8 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby endorses the efforts of the oral health
9 coalition to collaborate with its membership, local schools, health providers and state and local
10 governmental entities to formulate a plan to provide increased services, education and outreach to the
11 residents of Santa Fe County.

12 **Section 1.** Within 60 days of the adoption of this resolution, staff is directed to enter
13 into a Memorandum of Understanding with the oral health coalition to outline the increased services,
14 education and outreach that the collaborative partners will provide. The coalition and the City will
15 work together to research and potentially secure possible public/private funding mechanisms that may
16 be determined appropriate.

17 **Section 2.** Beginning in 2013 and every year thereafter, the City of Santa Fe will
18 recognize the month of February as “Oral Health Month,” with one day in February being designated
19 as “Oral Health Day.”

20 **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 14th day of November, 2012.

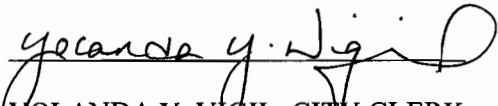
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23 **DAVID COSS, MAYOR**

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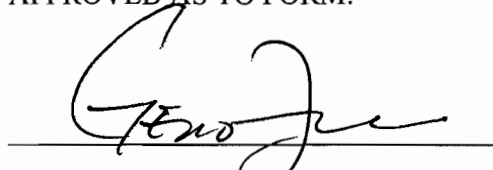

4 VOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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6 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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9 GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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