

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2005-13

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8 A RESOLUTION

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11 URGING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS A LAW MAKING
12 IMMIGRANT STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE TUITION AND FINANCIAL
13 AID AND URGING U.S. CONGRESS TO PASS THE DREAM ACT AND STUDENT
14 ADJUSTMENT ACT REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.

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16 WHEREAS, each year, hundreds of undocumented immigrant students who graduate
17 from New Mexico public high schools are significantly restricted in pursuing a college education
18 because they are charged out-of state tuition and are ineligible for financial aid; and

19 WHEREAS, in most cases, these students have lived in New Mexico since early
20 childhood and have overcome tremendous odds to succeed in our K-12 educational system; and

21 WHEREAS, these students' families compose a significant part of the workforce in New
22 Mexico, pay taxes, and contribute to the economy of the state; and

23 WHEREAS, the Governing Body acknowledges that access to higher education will
24 better prepare immigrant students to fulfill their potential, realize their education and career
25 goals, and more fully participate in the political, civic, and economic development of Santa Fe;

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2 **WHEREAS**, making an affordable higher education available to immigrant students
3 would benefit our local economy and strengthen and diversify our local work force; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body recognizes that equal access to higher education is a
5 civil right and should not be denied to a person because of his or her national origin; and

6 **WHEREAS**, two proposals in U.S. Congress, the DREAM ACT and the Student
7 Adjustment Act, would help remedy this situation by allowing undocumented youth who have
8 lived in the U.S. for at least five (5) years and are under the age of twenty-one (21) to legalize
9 their immigration status if they finish two (2) years of college; and

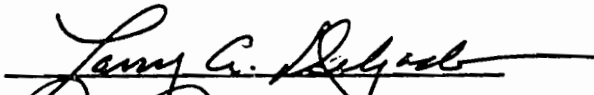
10 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico State Legislature will consider a proposal in 2005 that
11 would make immigrant students eligible for in-state tuition and state financial aid regardless of
12 immigration status.

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF**
14 **THE CITY OF SANTA FE** fully supports the passage of the DREAM ACT and the Student
15 Adjustment Act which would grant legal status to college bound undocumented immigrant
16 students who are long term residents of the United States; and

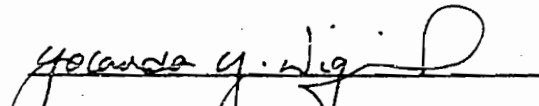
17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY**
18 **OF SANTA FE** supports the passage of a state law in New Mexico's 2005 legislative session
19 that would make immigrant students, regardless of immigration status, who have attended a New
20 Mexico secondary educational institution or program for at least one (1) year and have either
21 graduated from a New Mexico High School or received their GED in New Mexico eligible for
22 in-state tuition and financial aid.

23 **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 26 day of January, 2005.
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LARRY A. DELGADO, MAYOR

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