

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-28

INTRODUCED BY:



A RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING HATE CRIMES AND DIRECTING STAFF TO FACILITATE ROUNDTABLES DISCUSSING THE CAUSE AND PREVENTION OF HATE CRIMES, TEACHING TOLERANCE , ENDING PREJUDICE, AND MAKING SANTA FE A MORE WELCOMING COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Charter, Section 2.02, says that “the human and civil rights of the residents of Santa Fe are inviolate and shall not be diminished or otherwise infringed” on the basis of ethnicity, race, age, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, medical condition or citizenship status; and

WHEREAS, Section 20-28 of the Santa Fe City Code makes it a specific offense to cause damage to persons or properties when such conduct is motivated by animus toward a certain person because of his or her actual or perceived race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or age; and

WHEREAS, in the early morning of February 27, 2005, a vicious attack was unleashed on James Maestas and Joshua Stockham and it has been reported that the motive in this attack was the sexual orientation of the two victims; and

WHEREAS, James Maestas is still recovering from the physical injuries he sustained as a result of this attack and faces a long period of rehabilitation, and he, Joshua Stockham, and the entire community of Santa Fe, including its GBLT members, will have to deal with the psychological and societal consequences of these acts for some time to come; and

WHEREAS, many segments of the Santa Fe community have repudiated the events of February 27 and have vowed to help change the conditions that led to this attack. These groups include Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; the city of Santa Fe; Equality New Mexico; People of Color AIDS Foundation; Equality New Mexico; Human Rights Alliance; Santa Fe Mountain Center; Esperanza Shelter for Battered Families; NAACP; Somos un Pueblo Unido; Santa Fe Rape Crisis Center; College of Santa Fe Queer Faculty and Staff Association; Academics for a Democratic Society; Albuquerque Rape Crisis Center; New Mexico Green Party; ACLU of New Mexico; New Mexico Human Rights Coalition; The Experience; Impact Personal Safety; Unity Santa Fe; Metropolitan Community Churches; Albuquerque Pride; Christ Lutheran Church; United Church of Santa Fe; Lesbian and Gay Funding Partnership at the Santa Fe Community Foundation; Soulforce—New Mexico; Bataan Chapter of American Veterans for Equal Rights; Lambda Law Students Association; Democratic Party of Santa Fe County; Democracy for New Mexico; Women Out and About; LGBTQ Alliance at UNM; Common Bond New Mexico; Abq Women; New Mexico Voices for Children; Enlace Comunitario; Golden Realtors; Santa Fe Jewish and Christian Dialogue; Counselors in Action; Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce; Santa Fe Association of Realtors; Santa Fe Lodgers’ Association; Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa

Fe; St. Bede's Episcopal Church;

EVO Gallery; Eldorado Hotel; New Mexico Museum of Film; Lensic Board of Directors; Creative Santa Fe Steering Committee; Santa Fe Art Institute; Santa Fe Economic Development, Inc.; Santa Fe Area Homebuilders Association; Inn of the Anasazi; New Mexico CultureNet; Linda Milanesi; Santa Fe Opera; Access Santa Fe; Santa Fe Independent Business Alliance; Santa Fe Council for the Arts, Inc.; Lensic Performing Arts Center; Santa Fe Gallery Association; PEN New Mexico; Red Roof Inn; Sunrise Springs; Theaterwork; Price-Dewey Galleries, Ltd.; Santa Fe Restaurant Association; Southwestern Association on Indian Arts (SWAIA); Casa de la Cuma Bed and Breakfast; Bed and Breakfast Reservation Service of New Mexico; Inn of the Turquoise Bear; Santa Fe Soap Company; Two Spirits, Inc.; Belles Artes Gallery; National Dance Institute of New Mexico; El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe; Thirteen Moons Gallery; Santa Fe Women's Ensemble; and Santa Fe Children's Museum; Spanish Colonial Arts Society; Santa Fe Playhouse; Theatre Grottesco; the Santa Fe Community College; the Republican Party of Santa Fe County; and the Santa Fe Federated Republican Women.

WHEREAS, the community has stated that the best way to try to deal with these events is to promote dialogue among different segments of the community and to promote education about equality and tolerance, especially for our young people, and to make Santa Fe a more welcoming community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that we find hate-motivated violence to be unacceptable in the city of Santa Fe and contrary to the stated principles of tolerance and equality that characterize our city; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Santa Fe, with the assistance of the many willing community partners who have come forward to help heal the community, will facilitate a series of roundtables that will address the problems of hate and prejudice and will begin a dialogue about how to eradicate them from our community, and that the Santa Fe public schools and others be contacted to participate.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9th day of March, 2005.

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LARRY A. DELGADO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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BRUCE THOMPSON, CITY ATTORNEY