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CITY OF _____, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-____

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor _____

A RESOLUTION

**ADOPTING THE GOAL OF REACHING A 33% RECYCLING RATE BY THE YEAR
2012 AND TAKING SUCH STEPS AS ARE NECESSARY TO REACH THIS GOAL.**

WHEREAS, recycling saves natural resources from being extracted, reduces the need for water & energy to process those virgin materials and provides more jobs than the trash-handling industry; and

WHEREAS, recycling is one of the easiest ways citizens can work to ensure a clean environment for future generations; and

WHEREAS, only eleven percent of New Mexico’s waste stream and only approximately _____ percent of _____’s waste stream is currently diverted from landfills, both well below the national average of 33%.

WHEREAS, with curbside and/or drop-off recycling available to _____ residents exists or does not properly exist, to greatly increase the City’s recycling rate; and

WHEREAS, the City can serve as a recycling leader, demonstrating its support for significantly increasing the City’s recycling rate.

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
2 **CITY OF _____ that:**

3 Section 1. The City adopts the goal of reaching a 33% recycling rate by the year
4 2012.

5 Section 2. The City Manager is directed to establish effective recycling programs at
6 all City facilities.

7 Section 3. The City Manager is directed to ensure the proper collection and
8 processing infrastructure is in place.

9 Section 3. The City Manager is directed to ensure that mechanisms are in place to
10 increase education and raise awareness regarding recycling and increase participation in recycling
11 programs including the following:

12 (a) Creating a public awareness campaign through such efforts as
13 advertisements, press events, radio and television programming, bus
14 wraps, utility inserts and feature stories;

15 (b) Focusing on increasing commercial/business recycling;

16 (c) Providing recycling services at large public events;

17 (d) Providing recycling services to multi-family units;

18 (e) Promoting a green waste and food scrap recycling program;

19 (d) Ensuring a successful launch of the City’s schools recycling services, by
20 training janitorial, administrative and academic staff at _____’s public schools; and

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22 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2008.

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25 _____, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

_____, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____, CITY ATTORNEY

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