

1 genetically engineered products are largely unknown; and

2 **WHEREAS**, safety studies on genetically engineered products are limited because
3 biotechnology companies generally prohibit their cultivation for research purposes in seed licensing
4 agreements; and

5 **WHEREAS**, some independent, peer-reviewed research that has been done on genetically
6 engineered crops has revealed problems with liver and kidney functions in rats; deformities and
7 neurological problems in vertebrates; and lower nutrition content in pesticide-resistant crops; and

8 **WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the United States Department of Agriculture to ensure
9 that genetically engineered crops are safe to grow, the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure
10 that genetically engineered products will not harm the environment and the Food and Drug
11 Administration to ensure that genetically engineered food is safe to eat; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the United States federal agencies that regulate genetically engineered products,
13 including crops and animals and the New Mexico Legislature have not yet enacted a comprehensive
14 plan to adequately oversee and monitor genetically engineered products; and

15 **WHEREAS**, farmers who produce organic or non-genetically engineered crops run the risk
16 of crop contamination from nearby genetically engineered crops; and

17 **WHEREAS**; farmers who unintentionally grow patented, genetically engineered seeds or
18 who harvest crops that are contaminated with genetically engineered traits could lose marketing
19 options and face costly lawsuits; and

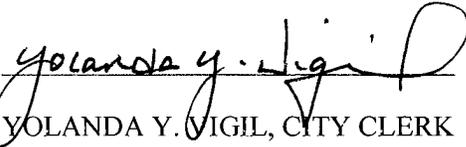
20 **WHEREAS**, a 2008 *CBS/New York Times* poll found that 87 percent of U.S. consumers
21 wanted all genetically engineered ingredients to be labeled.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
23 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that:

24 **Section 1.** The City of Santa Fe supports mandatory labeling of all genetically
25 engineered products.

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