## THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION No. 2014- 57

## A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JULY 14 THROUGH 18, 2014 IN SUPPORT OF "NEW MEXICO HUNGER WEEK"

WHEREAS, nationwide, New Mexico has one of the highest rates of overall food insecurity of all residents, including children, veterans, the homeless and seniors;

WHEREAS, annual feeding America statistics ranked New Mexico as the most food insecure state for children in the nation;

WHEREAS, forty thousand New Mexicans seek food assistance each week;

WHEREAS, forty percent of New Mexicans who receive food assistance are children under the age of eighteen, while seven percent of those children are under the age of five;

WHEREAS, thirteen percent of people who seek food assistance are senior citizens;

WHEREAS, it is a myth that people who need food assistance are homeless or out of work, when, in reality, only eight percent of people seeking assistance are homeless and thirty-two percent of households seeking emergency food assistance include at least one employed adult;

WHEREAS, while thousands of New Mexicans receive assistance through the supplemental nutrition assistance program, that funding only provides for less than three weeks of groceries;

WHEREAS, New Mexicans face difficult choices between paying for food and paying for utilities, rent or mortgage, medicine or medical care, and transportation;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to address New Mexico's food insecurity and to eliminate hunger in New Mexico;

WHEREAS, a hunger summit coordinated and sponsored by the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District and the Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging will be held on July 17-18, 2014 at the Isleta Resort and Casino in Albuquerque to address these issues; and

WHEREAS, statewide participation is expected to include federal and state agencies, local governments, non-profit agencies, food bank faith-based organizations, and other entities that address hunger issues in New Mexico.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County that the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners supports any and all recognition in the state, that July 14 through 18, 2014 is "New Mexico Hunger Week"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District and the Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 8th day July, 2014.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** 

. Mayfield, Chairman

Attest:

Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County

**Approved As To Form:** 

for: Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 10TH Day Of July, 2014 at 01:57:07 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1741089 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

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