

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF

SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION No. 2015- 60

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**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADOPT  
THE SCIENTIFIC REPORT OF THE 2015 DIETARY GUIDELINES ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

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**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted Resolution 2008-5, which along with City of Santa Fe Resolution 2008-26 created the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy (Food Policy Council);

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Food Policy Council is to integrate all departments of the City and County as well as non-profit organizations and food and farming businesses in a common effort to improve the availability of safe and nutritious food at reasonable prices for residents, particularly those in need;

**WHEREAS**, the Food Policy Council recommends food policies for the County to adopt and implement relating to: direct service of food, lobbying and advocacy before state and federal legislatures and agencies, referral to social services, economic development and education on nutrition and health;

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2014-131 adopted the Food Policy Council's Food Plan, *Planning for Santa Fe's Food Future: Querencia, A Story of Food, Farming, and Friends* (the "Plan"), which was developed by the Food Policy Council as a guiding policy document to ensure that a safe, healthy, and affordable food supply will be available to all residents;

**WHEREAS**, the *Plan's* recommendations are aligned with existing policy documents, such as the *Sustainable Growth Management Plan*, the *2014 Santa Fe County Economic Development Plan*, and the *County Health Action Plan: FY 2015 to 2017*;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services review and amend the National Dietary Guidelines every five years, and have recently released the *Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (2015 Dietary Guidelines)* and requested public comment on the document;

**WHEREAS**, the new nutritional recommendation of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines have a multi-sectoral impact in the fields of health, nutrition, poverty, farming, the environment, and policy;

**WHEREAS**, at least 14.9% of individuals living in Santa Fe County can be classified as "food insecure," meaning that they live in a household in which access to food adequate to support a healthy lifestyle is limited or uncertain, and these individuals are therefore at a higher

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risk for diabetes and obesity because the only foods they can afford are high in calories and poor in nutrients;

**WHEREAS**, obesity increases the risk of numerous diseases including cancer, heart, disease, stroke and Type 2 Diabetes, and the percentage of Santa Fe County adults who are obese increased from 14.5 percent in 2004 to almost 20 percent in 2010;

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Dietary Guidelines would if implemented have positive impacts, increasing access to healthy foods for food insecure families and decreasing the prevalence of obesity and diet-related diseases such as heart disease, stroke, and Type 2 Diabetes;

**WHEREAS**, the recommendations in the *2015 Dietary Guidelines* – especially those pertaining to nutrition, increased access to healthy foods for low-income individuals, and environmental sustainability and food—align with the goals and recommendations laid out in the *Plan*.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County requests that the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services adopt the guidelines and recommendations of the *Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee*;

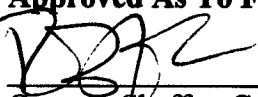
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Santa Fe County directs the Food Policy Council to submit comment to this effect to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by the Federal Comment deadline of May 8, 2015.

**APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day April, 2015.

  
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Robert A. Anaya, Chairman

Attest:  
  
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Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

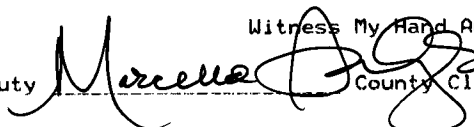


**Approved As To Form:**  
  
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Gregory Shaffer, County Attorney

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