

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-173

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW MEXICO GROWN FRESH FRUIT AND  
VEGETABLES FOR SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM

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**WHEREAS**, 30.3% of kindergarteners and almost 39.0% of third graders in New Mexico are considered overweight or obese; and

**WHEREAS**, 342,902 children participate in the school lunch program operated by the various school meal or lunch programs throughout New Mexico of which more than 212,000 are eligible to participate in the free or reduced-price school meal programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal National School Lunch Program makes it possible for all school children in the United States to receive a nutritious lunch every school day; and

**WHEREAS**, local school meal programs will see increased costs of 25 to 75 cents per plate with a minimal federal increase of 6 cents reimbursement per meal; and

**WHEREAS**, the National School Lunch Program provides a reimbursement of \$2.86 for free lunches and \$2.46 for reduced-priced lunches; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of fruit and vegetables grown in New Mexico will improve the diet and health of school children and help school meal programs comply with new federal rules that require additional servings of fruits and vegetables in school meals; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an emerging agricultural sector in New Mexico comprised of small and medium sized fruit and vegetable farms that can respond to this new food "market" for local produce in school meal programs; and

**WHEREAS**, increased funding from the New Mexico State Legislature enables school meal programs and local school districts to purchase New Mexico grown produce, serve more fresh fruit and vegetables to our children for their health and well-being, and support economic development and opportunities for local farmers and agricultural businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, increased funding would assist our schools and farmers in the City of Santa Fe City and Santa Fe County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County joins with New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council, New Mexico School Nutrition Association, New Mexico agencies, the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy, and other organization to request that the New Mexico State Legislature

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appropriate \$1.44 million to support the New Mexico Grown Fresh Fruits and Fresh Vegetables for School Meals Program.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.**

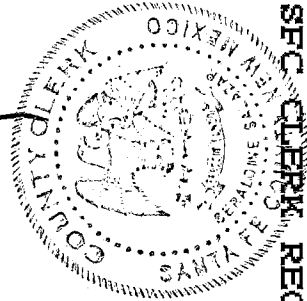
By: [Signature]  
Robert A. Anaya, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County

Date: 12/8/15

**ATTESTATION:**

[Signature]  
Geraldine Salazar  
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 12-8-2015



**Approved as to form:**

[Signature]  
Gregory S. Shaffer  
Santa Fe County Attorney

Date: 11/25/15

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 9TH Day Of December, 2015 at 10:49:54 AM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1781444 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County



Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
[Signature] Geraldine Salazar  
Deputy County Clerk Santa Fe, NM

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