

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

Introduced by:
Commissioner Anna T. Hamilton, Ph.D. and Commissioner Rudy Garcia

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 1006

**A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT THE SANTA FE FOOD POLICY COUNCIL
REPORT ON STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING FOOD AND NUTRITION
PROGRAMS IN SANTA FE**

WHEREAS, Resolution 2008-5 was a joint resolution that established a food policy council for the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County and created the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy (the "Council"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the 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 promote food security, improve access to retail outlets that offer healthy and affordable food, encourage healthy eating by all residents to reduce obesity and diet-related diseases, and protect the natural resources necessary to produce food; and

WHEREAS, the Council recommends food policies that pertain to the direct service of food, lobbying and advocacy before state and federal legislatures and agencies, referral to social services, economic development, and nutrition and health education; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 2014-131, the County adopted the 2014 Santa Fe Food Plan *Planning for Santa Fe's Food Future: Querencia, a Story of Food, Farming and Friends*, which provides recommendations in three categories: Getting Food, Growing Food, and Learning About Food; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the County launched the *AgriGate of Santa Fe County* program and digital platform www.agrigatesfc.org to connect local food producers with local food buyers and agricultural resource providers; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a vibrant food and farming culture that is significant to our rural economies and provides employment opportunities on farms and in the direct wholesale and retail markets, as well as in food processing, distribution, and value-added businesses, all while adding to the health and well-being of New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, the dollar value of New Mexico's agriculture production is \$2.18 billion with \$96.3 million in fruits and vegetables providing approximately 10,000 jobs and \$900 million in annual wages; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that for every dollar that goes to local agricultural producers, \$1.80 is circulated in the local economy; and

WHEREAS, 12.4% of Santa Fe County residents, or approximately 18,000 people, experience food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, in New Mexico, approximately 98,000 seniors fall below 185% of the federal poverty income guidelines, and approximately 56,000 seniors fall below 130% the federal poverty income guidelines; and

WHEREAS, more than 16,000 students in the County and City participate in the school meal program; and

WHEREAS, many children consume at least one-half of their daily calories at school, and for many, food served at school is the only meal eaten daily; and

WHEREAS, increasing consumption of healthy food is a priority in the Santa Fe County Health Action Plan, including increasing the percentage of adolescents and percentage of adults within the County consuming five or more fresh fruits and vegetables a day; and

WHEREAS; promoting healthy food habits and increasing consumption of healthy food is a goal in the County's Senior Service Strategic Plan, including integrating fresh produce into meals provided at County senior centers; and

WHEREAS; the County's Strategic Plan recommends continued collaboration with local farmers to provide fresh, locally grown produce and products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County that the County will implement the Council's September 28th, 2020 report *Strengthening and Expanding Food and Nutrition Programs in Santa Fe*, including:

1. Allowing staff to explore the possibility of developing and adopting procurement policies that prioritize locally produced food;
2. Designing a local food promotion, education, and outreach initiative; and
3. Prioritizing investment and collaborations to develop new farming, distribution and food aggregation and processing infrastructure.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 30th DAY OF November, 2021.

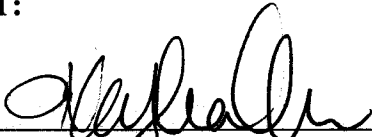
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Henry P. Roybal, Chair

Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners

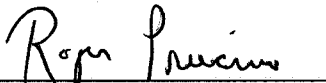
ATTEST:


Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date:

11/30/2021

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Gregory S. Shaffer
Santa Fe County Attorney



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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Katharine E. Clark

Deputy  County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

