

Amended Santa Fe County Proclamation

PROCLAIMING JUNE 21, 2022, AS “END CHILDHOOD HUNGER IN SANTA FE DAY”

Introduced by: Commissioner Anna Hansen

WHEREAS, at the request of the City of Santa Fe, a subcommittee of The Food Depot’s Advocacy Committee researched and compiled information for more than a year for the *Report to End Childhood Hunger in Santa Fe*; and

WHEREAS, The Food Depot’s report was expected to be released on May 17, 2022 and its release was postponed until June 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the, Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners approved a proclamation proclaiming May 17th 2022, as “End Childhood Hunger in Santa Fe Day” to coincide with the official release date; and

WHEREAS, the global COVID-19 virus pandemic has intensified food insecurity and poverty issues in New Mexico, a state where these issues are one of the most severe in the United States; and

WHEREAS, if a family lacks the financial resources to meet its basic living requirements it is likely to suffer from insufficient food and food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, childhood food insecurity is a byproduct of family income and resource insufficiency; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity and hunger are systematic issues related to poverty; and

WHEREAS, a major underlying cause of poverty is due to systemic challenges such as lack of housing, education, healthcare and a livable wage; and

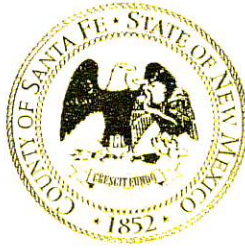
WHEREAS, efforts to combat food insecurity will only be successful if combined with a comprehensive effort to combat poverty; and

WHEREAS, the *Report to End Childhood Hunger in Santa Fe* lists several items to address a significant reduction in food insecurity and poverty; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County is committed to ending hunger in communities as demonstrated in partnerships with The Food Depot, the City of Santa Fe, and many community organizations who are a part of the CONNECT network; and

WHEREAS, requests for food assistance are among the most frequent in the CONNECT network, with 83 requests in the past month alone, 99% of which were resolved; and

WHEREAS, with commitment to reducing poverty comes a reduction in food insecurity and hunger for the residents of Santa Fe and the great state of New Mexico.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 21st OF JUNE, AS:

“END CHILDHOOD HUNGER IN SANTA FE DAY”

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 28th DAY OF JUNE, 2022.

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