SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 4

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EIGHTH ANNUAL NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR FOOD DRIVE IN COORDINATION WITH THE CITY OF SANTA FE AND THE FOOD DEPOT AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF COUNTY FACILITIES FOR THE COLLECTION OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County recognizes the importance of food security in the County; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico consistently ranks as one of the worst states for food security; and

WHEREAS, increasing consumption of healthy food is a priority in the Santa Fe County Health Action Plan;

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Community Services Department is implementing Santa Fe County Connect, an accountable health community, with the vision that that all County residents regardless of income have access to high-quality health care and are linked to resources they need for health and wellbeing, including food; and

WHEREAS, public and private partnerships can assist in meeting the food needs of those seeking food assistance in the County and it is the mission of The Food Depot to end hunger in Northern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, The Food Depot fulfills this goal through serving as the food bank for nine Northern New Mexico counties, providing food to more than 145 nonprofit agencies including emergency food pantries, meal programs, shelters for the homeless and battered persons, youth programs, and senior centers; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, neighborhoods in the Santa Fe area have participated in donating food to The Food Depot through an area-wide Neighborhood Association Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive, organized every September during national "Hunger Action Month", and this food drive has grown exponentially since; and

WHEREAS, the County can facilitate private donations of food for the benefit of people seeking food assistance by providing locations at County facilities where members of the public can drop off non-perishable food donations;

WHEREAS, the County will select the drop off locations at County facilities that will not interrupt or interfere with County operations; and

WHEREAS, The Food Depot is prepared to collect the food from the County facilities for distribution as part of the Neighbor to Neighbor food drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. The Board supports and encourages the important food collection efforts of the eighth annual Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive;
- 2. The Board authorizes the County Manager to have staff:
 - a. Inform communities and neighborhoods throughout the County of the opportunity to drop off non-perishable food donations at various County facilities, as part of the Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive;
 - b. Establish sites at County facilities that will not interrupt or interfere with County operations, where members of the public can drop off non-perishable food donations for pick up by The Food Depot as part of the Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive; and
 - Work cooperatively with the City to alleviate hunger in the County.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Anna T. Hamilton, Chair

Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

R. Bruce Frederick, Santa Fe County Attorney

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COUNTY OF SANTA FE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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