

SANTA FE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018- 118

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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE FOR THE "NEW MEXICO GROWN FRESH FRUITS AND FRESH VEGETABLES FOR SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM" AND RELATED EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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**WHEREAS**, more than 28.6 percent of kindergarteners and 34 percent of third graders in New Mexico are considered overweight or obese; and,

**WHEREAS**, approximately 333,300 students are enrolled in New Mexico schools and can participate in the school meal programs operated by various schools throughout the state, and more than 241,400 of these students -- 72 percent -- are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the 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 have seen increased costs for food purchases of an average of 25 cents to 75 cents per meal, with fruits and vegetables representing as much as a quarter of the increased cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the National School Lunch Program provides a reimbursement of \$3.31 for free lunches, \$2.91 for reduced-priced lunches; and \$0.39 for fully paid lunches; and

**WHEREAS**, the National School Lunch Program provides a reimbursement of \$1.79 for free breakfasts, \$1.49 for reduced-price breakfasts, and \$0.31 for fully paid breakfasts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe County Community Services Department is implementing 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 well-being, including food; and

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

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WHEREAS, the purchase of New Mexico grown fruits and vegetables will enhance the diet of school children and help school meal programs comply with Federal rules that require additional servings of fruits and vegetables on the children's school meal plates; and,

WHEREAS, there is an agricultural sector made up of small and medium-size fruit and vegetable farmers that can respond to this new food "market" for local produce in the school meal programs; and

WHEREAS, food and agriculture education programs and experiential learning are key to increasing student access to and relationship with fresh and local produce, as well as to introducing students to possible career paths; and

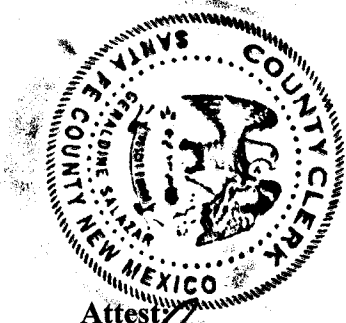
WHEREAS, increased funding from the State Legislature enables school meal programs and local school districts to purchase New Mexico grown produce, serve more fresh fruits and vegetables to our children for their health and well-being, provide related educational materials and experiential learning opportunities, and support economic development and opportunities for our local farmers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County join with the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy, New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council, New Mexico School Nutrition Association, and other agencies and organizations, in requesting that the New Mexico State Legislature appropriate funds to support the "New Mexico Grown Fresh Fruits and Fresh Vegetables for School Meals" program and related education programs.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Anna Hansen*  
Anna Hansen, Chair



Attest

*Geraldine Salazar*  
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk



Approved as to Form:

*R. Bruce Frederick*  
R. Bruce Frederick, County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE )  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 14TH Day Of November, 2018 at 02:42:30 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1872684 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
Geraldine Salazar  
Deputy *Estrella Martinez* County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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