

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 62

A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE NINTH ANNUAL NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR FUND DRIVE
IN COORDINATION WITH THE FOOD DEPOT

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (“the Board”) recognizes the importance of food security in Santa Fe County (“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*; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Community Services Department operates *Santa Fe County Connect*, an accountable health community, with the vision 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, the County is currently working with its partners to expand food distribution through the COVID-19 Food Relief Program; 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 by 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, the Neighborhood Association Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive was created nine years ago with the sole purpose of bringing together neighborhoods across Santa Fe to stand together in unison to collect food to benefit The Food Depot; 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 and is now the largest food drive benefiting The Food Depot; and

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WHEREAS, this grassroots neighborhood effort has grown to include participation from 160 neighborhoods and businesses and last year alone raised over 365,000 pounds of food; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Resolution Nos. 2019-104, 2018-47, and 2017-84 in support of the Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive, in coordination with the City of Santa Fe, and authorizing the use of County facilities for the collection of non-perishable food donations; and

WHEREAS, the County would, under normal circumstances, establish sites at County facilities where members of the public could drop off non-perishable food donations for pick up by The Food Depot as part of the Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive and expend staff resources to inform communities and neighborhoods throughout the County of the event; and

WHEREAS, this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to ensure the safety and health of our constituents and staff while complying with the Governor's public health order and mandates, the Neighbor to Neighbor coordinators have changed this event to become the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive. Instead of collecting food donations, this year's Neighbor to Neighbor drive is collecting monetary donations from the public to benefit The Food Depot; and

WHEREAS, The Food Depot has stated that with every donated dollar, they can buy five pounds of food to help feed those who are food insecure; and

WHEREAS, the Board is more committed than ever to support this important event and ensure that the many constituents who benefit from this event continue to do so this year, especially during this time of great need; and

WHEREAS, the Board would like for the County to use its resources to promote the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive to ensure that County employees, neighborhoods and communities know how to support the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive; and

WHEREAS, in year's past, the Neighbor to Neighbor coordinators have tracked donations for each neighborhood, community, business, and County and City employee, and afforded trophies and recognition to the top neighborhood and community contributors. This elicited a friendly and healthy competition amongst neighborhoods, communities, businesses, and County and City staff to see who would become a top contributor; and

WHEREAS, all monetary donations should be accompanied by an indication of whether the donation is from a specific community, neighborhood or from a County or City employee, and should be sent before the deadline of September 19, 2020, to ensure inclusion in the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive.

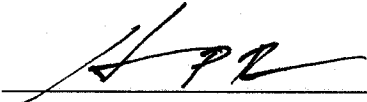
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Board supports and encourages monetary donations (not food collection) for the ninth annual Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive;

2. The Board authorizes the County Manager and staff to:
 - a. Encourage participation in the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive as one means of addressing food insecurity in our community;
 - b. Inform communities and neighborhoods throughout the County that they can make contributions to the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund Drive before the deadline of September 19, 2020 in the following manner: by credit card donation visit the Neighbor to Neighbor website at: <https://www.thefooddepot.org/neighborhood-donation/>; or mail a check to: The Foot Depot, N2N Fund Drive, 122-A Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM 87507;
 - c. Work cooperatively with the City of Santa Fe to alleviate hunger in the County.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

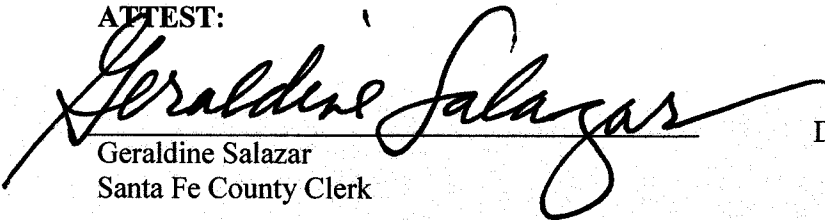
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Henry P. Roybal, Chair




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ATTEST:


Geraldine Salazar
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 9-8-2020

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for
Gregory S. Shaffer
Santa Fe County Attorney



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

