

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-150

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A HEALTHY KID, HEALTHY
ECONOMY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, approximately thirty percent of kindergarteners and almost thirty-nine percent of third graders in New Mexico are considered overweight or obese;

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) makes it possible for school children in the United States to receive a nutritious lunch every school day;

WHEREAS, 345,000 children participate in the school lunch programs throughout New Mexico and more than 228,000 of those children are eligible to participate in free or reduced-price school meal programs;

WHEREAS, the NSLP provides a reimbursement of \$2.86 for free lunches and \$2.46 for reduced-price lunches;

WHEREAS, local school meal programs will see an average increase in the cost of food equivalent to \$.25 to .75 per meal, while there will be a minimal NSLP increase of \$.06 reimbursement per meal;

WHEREAS, the healthy kid, healthy economy concept promotes the purchase of New Mexico fruits and vegetables for school lunch programs in order to enhance the diet of school children and help school meal programs comply with new Federal rules that require additional servings of fruits and vegetables in school lunches;

WHEREAS, there is an emerging agricultural sector in New Mexico comprised of small and medium size fruit and vegetable farmers, who can respond to this new food "market" for local produce in the school meal programs;

WHEREAS, increased funding from the state legislature will enable school meal programs and local school districts to purchase New Mexico grown produce and serve more fresh fruits and vegetables to our children for their health and well-being;

WHEREAS, increased funding from the state legislature for school meals programs also supports economic development and opportunities for our local farmers;

WHEREAS, increase funding would assist school children and farmers in the City and County of Santa Fe.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the undersigned respectfully request that the state legislature appropriate \$1.44 million to support the purchase of locally grown fruits and vegetables for school lunches.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13th day of November, 2012.

Liz Stefani
Liz Stefani, Chair

ATTEST:
Valerie Espinoza
Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen C. Ross
Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss
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