

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-8**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Mayor Javier M. Gonzales

6 Councilor Carmichael Dominguez

7 Councilor Chris Rivera

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **IN SUPPORT OF THE 'NEW MEXICO GROWN FRESH FRUITS AND FRESH**
12 **VEGETABLES FOR SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM' STATE LEGISLATION.**

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14 **WHEREAS**, thirty percent (30.3%) of kindergarteners and almost thirty-nine percent
15 (38.9 %) of third graders in New Mexico are considered overweight or obese; and

16 **WHEREAS**, 342,902 children participate in the school lunch program operated by the
17 various school meals programs throughout New Mexico, of which more than 212,000 are eligible
18 to participate in the free or reduced-price school meal programs; and

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

21 **WHEREAS**, local school meal programs will see increased costs for food purchases of
22 an average of \$.25 to \$.75 per plate with a minimal Federal increase of \$.06 reimbursement per
23 meal; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the National School Lunch Program provides a reimbursement of \$2.86 for
25 free lunches and \$2.46 for reduced-priced lunches; and,

1 **WHEREAS**, the purchase of New Mexico fruits and vegetables will enhance the diet of
2 these school children and help school meal programs comply with new Federal rules that now
3 require additional servings of fruits and vegetables on the children’s school meal plates; and,

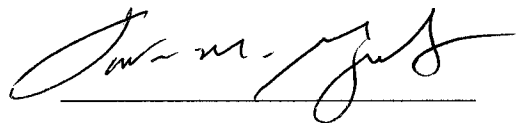
4 **WHEREAS**, there is an emerging agricultural sector in NM—small and medium-size
5 fruit and vegetable farmers—who can respond to this new food “market” for local produce in the
6 school meal programs; and

7 **WHEREAS**, increased funding from the state legislature enables school meal programs
8 and local school districts to purchase New Mexico grown produce, serve more fresh fruit and
9 vegetables to our children for their health and well-being, and support economic development and
10 opportunities for our local farmers; and

11 **WHEREAS**, increased funding would assist our schools and farmers in Santa Fe City
12 and County.

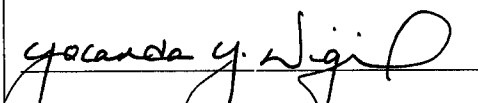
13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
14 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that it joins the New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council, the
15 New Mexico School Nutrition Association, the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on
16 Food Policy, and other organizations in requesting that the New Mexico State Legislature
17 appropriate \$1.44 million to support the “New Mexico Grown Fresh Fruits and Fresh Vegetables
18 for School Meals” program.

19 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2016.


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JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

22 ATTEST:

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25 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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4 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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