

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-3**

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING 2018 FARM BILL PRIORITIES AS A MEANS TO SECURING A**
12 **REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEM THAT IS JUST AND ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL MEMBERS**
13 **OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Farm Bill (“Act”) is the primary agricultural and food policy
16 tool of the federal government and deals with agriculture and all related affairs under the prevue
17 of the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”); and

18 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of the farm bill affect the local and regional capacity to
19 support a regional food system that is just, secured, sustainable and accessible for all members in
20 the City of Santa Fe, the greater region of Northern New Mexico, the state of New Mexico; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Congress is considering legislative action for the 2018 Farm Bill;
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23 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe and regional agriculture and food systems stakeholders
24 such as the Santa Fe Food Policy Council and/or the New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy
25 Council are interested in the recommended provisions of the 2018 Farm Bill; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the recommended provisions of this Act would secure support for the
2 infrastructure necessary for local and regional food systems, farming and ranching to thrive; and

3 **WHEREAS**, , the recommended provisions of this Act would increase access of federal
4 nutrition program by participants to purchase from farmers markets, Community Supported
5 Agriculture (“CSA’s”), and other local, healthy sustainable food enterprises; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of this Act would support urban and rural programs and
7 linkages through USDA interagency coordination; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the recommended provisions would request USDA to further harmonize
9 and streamline Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (“SNAP”) redemption technology
10 with other federal nutrition programs; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the recommended provision of this Act would promote incentives for fruit
12 and vegetable purchases by federal nutrition program participants; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the recommended provision of this Act would support farmer and rancher
14 programs that provide direct marketing opportunities and enhance their ability to focus on
15 building their businesses, mitigating risks, and improving land stewardship.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
17 **CITY OF SANTA FE** support federal legislation for certain provisions of the 2018 Farm Bill
18 including:

- 19 (1) **Securing the infrastructure necessary for local and regional food and**
20 **agriculture systems to thrive.** Infrastructure such as on-farm processing
21 equipment and aggregation, distribution, and processing facilities would
22 strengthen regional food hubs, and support farm to school sales, value-added
23 production and processing, and other rural economic development. Maintain
24 Rural Development programs such as the Rural Enterprise Development Grant
25 Program and the Value-Added Producer Grant Program while expanding the

1 Community Facility Program to include infrastructure that supports cooperative
2 farm, ranch and community enterprise development.

3 (2) **Increase access of federal nutrition programs by participants to purchase**
4 **from farmers markets, CSA's, and other local, healthy sustainable food**
5 **enterprises.** Measures include providing EBT devices to farmers markets,
6 mobile markets, and CSA's, using smart phone technology for SNAP at farmers
7 markets and mobile markets. Maintain the Farmers Market Promotion Program,
8 Local Food Promotion Program, Food Distribution Program on Indian
9 Reservations with provisions that meet the individual needs of communities
10 including authority to purchase locally. Continue support for Community Food
11 Project grants , set aside funding for technical assistance, SNAP-Ed funding for
12 promoting SNAP participants' shopping at farmers markets, mobile markets,
13 CSA's, and retail stores promoting local produce, and encourage the use of
14 community organizing strategies, could further enhance access.

15 (3) **Support streamlining of SNAP redemption and technology with federal**
16 **nutrition programs.** Minimize administrative barriers to redemption of
17 SNAP/EBT, WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program benefits would
18 maximize farmer participation in these programs with increased sales benefiting
19 both producers and consumers.

20 (4) **Expand urban and rural programs and linkages through USDA interagency**
21 **coordination.** Such initiatives foster collaboration among agencies, city and
22 county governments and community programs.

23 (5) **Promote incentives for fruit and vegetable purchases by federal nutrition**
24 **program participants and education related programs.** Secure funds for the
25 Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentives Program at farmers markets and retail

1 grocers, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program, DOD Fresh
2 Program for schools, and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program, and farm
3 to school related programs.

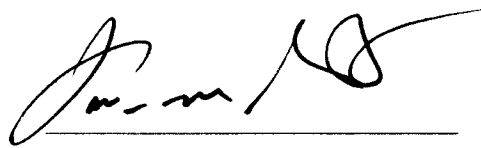
4 (6) **Support farmer and rancher programs that provide direct marketing**
5 **opportunities and enhance their ability to focus on building their businesses**
6 **and mitigating risks.** Secure continued resources for the Beginning Farmer and
7 Rancher Program and associated programs while minimizing cumbersome
8 requirements, the Outreach and Assistance to Socially Disadvantaged Farmers,
9 Ranchers and Veterans Program, the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, and
10 other incentive programs.

11 (7) **Secure the resources necessary for farmers and ranchers to maximize**
12 **stewardship of their land, water, and natural resources through**
13 **conservation programs while enhancing their operations with energy**
14 **efficient and season extension systems.** Maintain the EQIP Program for season
15 extension, irrigation, fencing, and frost protection; Conservation Reserve
16 Program; Conservation Stewardship Program and related loan programs;
17 Agriculture Conservation Easement Program; and Farm Service Agency
18 Programs including the Whole Farm Insurance Program.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this
20 resolution to the full New Mexico Congressional Delegation, New Mexico Speaker of the House
21 Brian Egolf, New Mexico Senate President Pro Tempore Mary Kay Papen and the Majority and
22 Minority Floor Leaders for the New Mexico House of Representatives and the New Mexico
23 Senate.

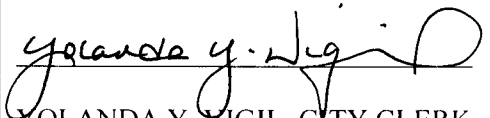
24 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2018.
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