

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-83**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Patti Bushee

6 Councilor Signe Lindell

7 Councilor Peter Ives

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL BAN ON NONTHERAPEUTIC USES OF**
12 **ANTIBIOTICS IN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AND SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION**
13 **OF ANTIBIOTICS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT ACT AND THE PREVENTION OF**
14 **ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE ACT.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, eighty percent of the antibiotics sold in the United States are used in livestock
17 production; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that most of those
19 antibiotics are used irresponsibly; and

20 **WHEREAS**, low doses of antibiotics are routinely fed to livestock for growth promotion and
21 disease prevention to compensate for crowded, unsanitary conditions, in a practice known as
22 “nontherapeutic use”; and

23 **WHEREAS**, “nontherapeutic use” creates ideal conditions for the development of antibiotic
24 resistant bacteria; and

25 **WHEREAS**, antibiotic resistant bacteria on livestock operations are known to spread to retail

1 meat, farmers and farmworkers and rural environments; and

2 **WHEREAS**, antibiotic resistance in pathogens due to nontherapeutic use of antibiotics in
3 livestock production has been a public health concern since the 1960s; and

4 **WHEREAS**, antibiotic resistant bacteria have been the cause of several foodborne illness
5 outbreaks, including a 2011 outbreak of antibiotic resistant *Salmonella* in ground turkey that sickened
6 136 people, hospitalized 37, and killed one and lead to the third largest meat recall in the USDA's
7 records and a 2013 outbreak of antibiotic resistant *Salmonella* in chicken that sickened 416 people
8 and hospitalized 162; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that at least two
10 million Americans suffer from antibiotic resistant bacterial infections each year and twenty-three
11 thousand Americans die from those infections; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the medical and social costs of antibiotic-resistance infections in just one
13 hospital for one year have been estimated to be between \$13 million and \$18 million; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the federal government has limited nontherapeutic uses of two classes of
15 antibiotics, but otherwise largely relied on voluntary guidance to attempt to reduce overuse of
16 antibiotics in livestock production, despite regular acknowledgements that nontherapeutic use and the
17 development of antibiotic resistant bacteria poses a significant public health threat.

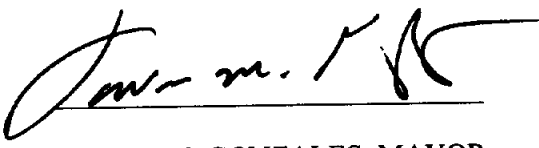
18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF**
19 **THE CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body supports a statewide and national ban on
20 nontherapeutic uses of antibiotics in livestock production.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body supports the Protection of
22 Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act and the Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance Act (PARA).

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this
24 resolution to the City's United States Congressional Delegation and the City's State
25 Legislative Delegation.

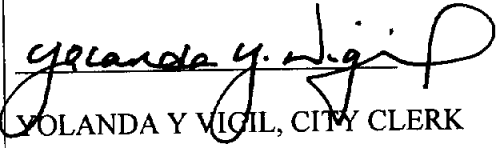
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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 8th day of October, 2014.



JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YOLANDA Y VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY