

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-7**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Peter Ives

6 Councilor Patti Bushee

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING AN APPROPRIATION OF 1.44 MILLION DOLLARS BY THE NEW**
12 **MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE, DURING THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, FOR**
13 **THE NM GROWN FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR SCHOOL MEALS**
14 **INITIATIVE.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, the 60 day session of the 2014 Legislative Session begins on January 20, 2015;

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18 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy has
19 requested that the Governing Body support an appropriation of 1.44 million dollars by the New
20 Mexico State Legislature for the NM Grown Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for School Meals Initiative;

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22 **WHEREAS**, approximately fourteen percent of kindergarteners and almost twenty one
23 percent of third graders in New Mexico are considered overweight or obese; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the National School Lunch Program makes it possible for school children in the
25 United States to receive a nutritious lunch every school day; and

1 **WHEREAS**, 345,000 children participate in the school lunch programs throughout New
2 Mexico, and more than 231,000 of those children are eligible to participate in free or reduced price
3 school meal programs; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the National School Lunch Program provides a reimbursement of \$2.98 for free
5 lunches and \$2.58 for reduced-price lunches; and

6 **WHEREAS**, local school meal programs will see an average increase in the cost of food
7 equivalent to \$0.25 to \$0.75 per meal, but there will be a minimal National School Lunch Program
8 increase of only \$0.06 reimbursement per meal; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the NM Grown Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for School Meals Initiative
10 promotes the purchase of New Mexico fruits and vegetables for school lunch programs in order to
11 enhance the diet of school children and help school meal programs comply with new Federal rules
12 that require additional servings of fruits and vegetables in school lunches; and

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

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

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

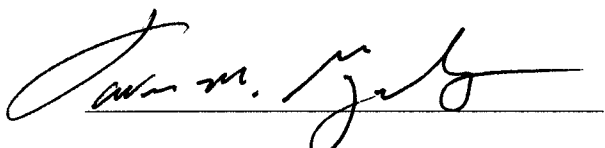
21 **WHEREAS**, increasing funding would assist school children and farmers within Santa Fe
22 County.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
24 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body hereby supports an appropriation of 1.44 million
25 dollars by the New Mexico State Legislature, during the 2015 legislative session, for the NM Grown

1 Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for School Meals Initiative that would enable school meal programs and
2 local school districts to purchase New Mexico grown produce, serve more fresh fruits and vegetables
3 for the benefit of health and well-being for New Mexico's children and support economic
4 development and opportunities for New Mexico farmers.

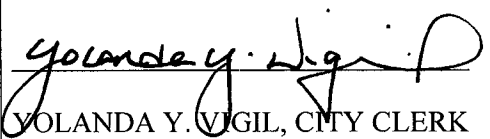
5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this
6 resolution to the City of Santa Fe lobbyist and the City of Santa Fe State Legislative Delegation.

7 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 28th day of January, 2015.

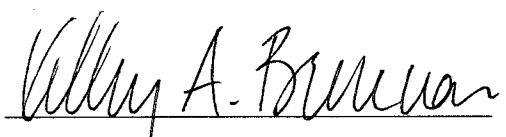
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10 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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12 ATTEST:

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15 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

16 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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19 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY