

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-5**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

6 Mayor Javier M. Gonzales Councilor Carmichael A. Dominguez

7 Councilor Mike Harris Councilor Ron S. Trujillo

8 Councilor Peter N. Ives Councilor Christopher M. Rivera

9 Councilor Joseph M. Maestas Councilor Signe I. Lindell

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**, 339,613 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**, more than 15,600 students in the city and County of Santa Fe participate in  
20 the school meal program; and

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

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

1 meal; and

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

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

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

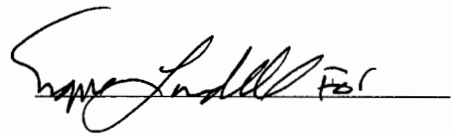
10           **WHEREAS**, increased funding from the state legislature enables school meal programs  
11 and local school districts to purchase New Mexico grown produce, serve more fresh fruit and  
12 vegetables to our children for their health and well-being, and support economic development and  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

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

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

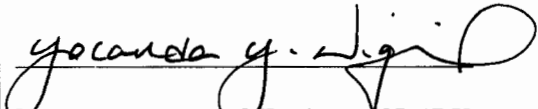
22           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this  
23 resolution to the City’s State legislative delegation, and the City’s lobbyist.

24           **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.  
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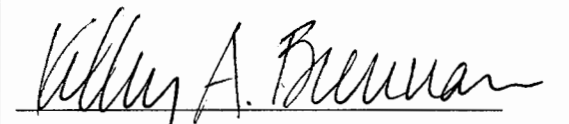


JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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3 ATTEST:

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6 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

7 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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10 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY