

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

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-31**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Mike Harris Councilor Signe I. Lindell
6 Councilor Carmichael A. Dominguez Councilor Renee D. Villarreal
7 Councilor Peter N. Ives Councilor Joseph M. Maestas
8 Councilor Christopher M. Rivera Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING THE SIXTH ANNUAL NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR FOOD DRIVE;**
12 **AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY VEHICLES AND MANPOWER TO ASSIST WITH**
13 **COLLECTION OF THE DONATIONS; AND MAKING A COMMITMENT FOR**
14 **SUPPORT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.**

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16 **WHEREAS**, New Mexico consistently ranks as one of the worst states for food security;
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18 **WHEREAS**, each week in New Mexico, more than 70,000 people seek food assistance;
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20 **WHEREAS**, over 26,000 people live in poverty in Santa Fe County, with over 7,800
21 children in poverty; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in our community, one in three children are affected by hunger; and

23 **WHEREAS**, research has demonstrated children who go without adequate healthy food
24 cannot thrive nor learn well; and

25 **WHEREAS**, public and private partnerships can both feed children and improve the local

1 agricultural economy; and

2 **WHEREAS**, in Northern New Mexico, it is the mission of The Food Depot to end hunger
3 in this area; and

4 **WHEREAS**, within the city of Santa Fe, nearly 10% of low-income families live a mile
5 or more from the nearest grocery store; and

6 **WHEREAS**, The Food Depot fulfills this goal through serving as the food bank for nine
7 Northern New Mexico counties, providing food to more than 145 nonprofit agencies including
8 emergency food pantries, hot meal programs, homeless shelters, youth programs, senior centers,
9 homes for the mentally disabled and shelters for battered persons; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, The Food Depot distributed an average of 520,000 pounds of food
11 each month, providing more than 430,000 meals to people in need, including the most vulnerable
12 in our community; and

13 **WHEREAS**, more than just feeding people, The Food Depot is trying to help people
14 change their lives; and

15 **WHEREAS**, since 2011, the neighborhoods in Santa Fe area have participated in donating
16 food to The Food Depot through an area-wide Neighborhood Association “Neighbor to Neighbor”
17 Food Drive, every September in conjunction with the national “Hunger Action Month” and

18 **WHEREAS**, this food drive has grown exponentially over the last six years; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 2015, 37 neighborhoods donated a total of 10 tons, or 20,546 pounds of
20 food to this drive, therefore providing 17,122 meals for those in need; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, 77 neighborhoods donated in combination of pounds of food and
22 monetary donations, a grand total of over 48 tons or 96,000 pounds of food to this drive, therefore
23 providing 80,000 meals for those in need; and

24 **WHEREAS**, on Saturday, September 16, 2017, the Neighborhood Associations and
25 Communities of the Santa Fe area will again band together for the Sixth Annual Area-Wide

1 Communities of the Santa Fe area will again band together for the Sixth Annual Area-Wide
2 “Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive”.

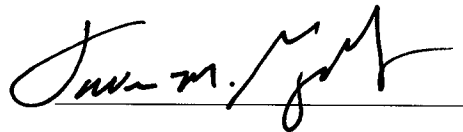
3 **WHEREAS**, the success of this program over the preceding six years ensures that this
4 will continue to be an annual event that neighborhood associations across the city look forward to
5 participating in each year, with the encouragement and support of the city and its elected officials.

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF**
7 **THE CITY OF SANTA FE** that they support and encourage the efforts of the sixth annual
8 “Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive” on September 16, 2017.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the city councilors and appropriate staff as
10 determined by the City Manager and in conjunction with organizers of the “Neighbor to Neighbor
11 Food Drive”, is directed to help inform all neighborhoods in Santa Fe of this event and to assist
12 the neighborhoods and The Food Depot in collecting the food donations that are collected through
13 this drive, providing trucks and manpower, as well as working together cooperatively with the
14 county, so that we may all “Stand Together” to help stop hunger in our northern New Mexico
15 communities.

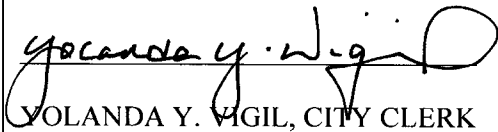
16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body hereby makes a commitment
17 to provide appropriate support to the “Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive” on an annual and
18 recurring basis.

19 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of April, 2017.


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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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25 *M/Legislation/Resolutions 2017/2017-31 Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive Annual*