CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-77

INTRODUCED BY:

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A RESOLUTION

REAFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AS CRITICAL TO THE COMMUNITY; DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE ORDINANCES TO INCREASE ALLOCATIONS TOWARDS THE PROMOTION OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS.

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2007, the Governing Body adopted Resolution 2007-2 stated that positive and healthy lifestyle choices for school-age children is a priority for the City of Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, the Children and Youth Commission of the City of Santa Fe assesses the needs of the children and youth within the city of Santa Fe, and identifies and recommends to the Governing Body existing legislation, policies and programs that promote the healthy development of young people, Section 6-10.1(B) SFCC 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Committee of the City of Santa Fe designates funding on an annual basis for human service providers in the community by developing priorities for the distribution of human services funding; and
WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to promote healthy lifestyles and physical activity by making improvements to the City's parks, open space, trails and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2007-20 proposes a funding mechanism for improving and expanding parks, open space, trails, and recreational facilities within the City's Parks Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in the last thirty (30) years, the number of obese children and adolescents have doubled; and

WHEREAS, one-third of children and adolescents are either obese or in danger of being obese; and

WHEREAS, for children born in 2000, the lifetime risk of being diagnosed with Type II diabetes is estimated to be 30 percent for boys and 40 percent for girls; and

WHEREAS, for children of racial minorities and for children who come from lower socioeconomic levels, the above percentages are higher; and

WHEREAS, for adults, the incidence of obesity has gone from 47 percent in 1980 to 66 percent in 2004; and

WHEREAS, a child has a 40 percent chance of becoming obese if one parent is obese and an 80 percent chance of becoming obese if both parents are obese; and

WHEREAS, children and adolescents of our community will benefit from the promotion of active living and healthy eating, which are two principal components that can curtail the negative effects of obesity; and

WHEREAS, active living can be defined as "...a way of life that integrates physical activity into every person's daily routine."; and further, that as a goal of active living, each person is encouraged to accumulate at least thirty (30) minutes of physical activity per day; and

WHEREAS, healthy eating can curtail the negative effects of obesity on our community;
and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Public Schools is a critical, necessary and indispensable local governmental entity that is needed to promote healthy communities for our children and adolescents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body reaffirms its commitment to implement and support healthy lifestyles as critical to the health, safety, and welfare of the community, and in particular, for the children and adolescents in Santa Fe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff is directed to take the following steps to further support healthy lifestyles:

1. Prepare an ordinance amendment proposing to increase the annual allocation/increment based upon the gross receipts collected for the Children and Youth Commission by 0.5 percent to be specifically allocated towards the promotion of healthy lifestyles for children and adolescents.

2. Prepare an ordinance amendment proposing to increase the annual allocation/increment based upon the gross receipts collected for the Human Services Commission by 0.5 percent to be specifically allocated towards the promotion of healthy lifestyles for children and adolescents.

3. Research and prepare a Fiscal Impact Report outlining the expected revenues to be raised by numbers 1 and 2 above.

4. Coordinate and cooperate with the Santa Fe Public Schools to ascertain and assess the efforts being made in the school district regarding the promotion and enhancement of healthy lifestyles for its students.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of August, 2007.
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY