## CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 1 **RESOLUTION NO. 2011 - 2** 2 3 INTRODUCED BY: 4 5 Councilor Romero Councilor Bushee 6 7 8 9 10 **A RESOLUTION** SUPPORTING STATE OF NEW MEXICO LEGISLATION INCREASING THE 11 12 PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE FOR THE NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURE SECTOR FOR NEW MEXICO FRESH PRODUCE AND PROCESSED PRODUCTS PURCHASED 13 14 BY GOVERNMENT AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES. 15 WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe recognizes that the benefits of local food production 16 17 include stewardship of working agricultural lands; direct and indirect jobs in agriculture 18 production, food processing, eco-tourism and support industries; energy conservation and 19 greenhouse gas reductions due to reduced miles to market; and increased food security through 20 access to locally grown foods; and WHEREAS, health studies indicate that there is direct correlation between adequate 21 nutrition and a child's development and school performance; and 2.2. WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe further finds that adequate nutrition is also necessary 23 for the physical health of adults, especially senior citizens, and that ready access to New Mexico 24 farm and ranch raised food will help prevent diet-related diseases; and 25

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe believes that expanding market opportunities for New Mexico farmers, ranchers and food processors, through a procurement preference, will help to preserve and strengthen local food production and increase the already significant contributions that agriculture makes to the local and state economies; and

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe finds that the local authorities' existing procurement requirements and practices are based on state regulations; and

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe intends that the state of New Mexico procurement preference strengthen the connections between the state's agricultural sector and the state and local authorities' food procurement procedures in order to expand local agricultural markets, improve the nutrition of our citizens, especially our children and at-risk adults, and to have a positive impact on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the city of Santa Fe supports state of New Mexico legislation increasing the procurement preference for the New Mexico agriculture sector for both fresh and processed foods that are produced in New Mexico and purchased by government and other public and private entities.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

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