

County of Grant Resolution No. R-13-13

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE OF NEW MEXICO LEGISLATION, SENATE BILL 80, INCREASING FUNDING FOR NEW MEXICO FRESH GROWN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR SCHOOL MEALS, HOUSE BILL 56, ACCELERATING THE GROWTH OF FOOD ENTREPRENEURS BY WORKING WITH MULTIPLE RURAL COMMUNITIES TO DEVELOP THEIR RESPECTIVE FOOD ASSETS TO CREATE A STATEWIDE COHESIVE FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE, AND, HOUSE BILL 100 AND SENATE BILL 219, TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE NEW MEXICO FARMERS' MARKETS.

WHEREAS, the County of Grant recognizes that the benefits of local food production include stewardship of working agricultural lands; direct and indirect jobs in agriculture production, food processing, eco-tourism and supports industries; energy conservation due to reduced miles to market; and increased food security through access to locally grown foods; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Grant believes that investing in the creation of a cohesive food infrastructure will promote the development of new and more diverse local markets within rural areas' economies; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Grant believes that expanding market opportunities for New Mexico farmers, ranchers and food processors, 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 County of Grant believes more venues for local food sales will improve the nutritional health of our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Grant believes that investing in the promotion of SNAP and WIC use at farmers' markets will improve nutrition among low-income families.

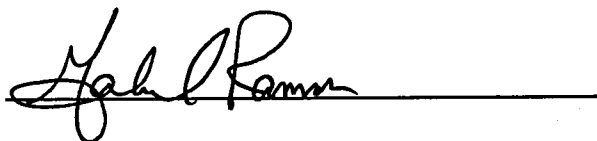
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Commissioners supports State of New Mexico Legislation, Senate Bill 80, increasing funding for New Mexico grown fruit and vegetables for school meals, House Bill 56, creating a statewide cohesive food infrastructure, and House Bill 100 and Senate Bill 219, to develop and promote New Mexico's Farmers' Markets.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21st DAY OF February 2013.

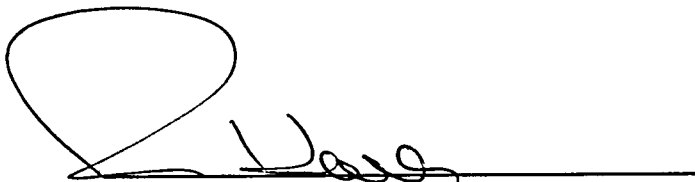
GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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Attest:



Robert Zamarripa, County Clerk