

GRANT COUNTY

Resolution No. R-11-04

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE OF NEW MEXICO LEGISLATION,
SENATE BILL 63, INCREASING THE PREFERENCE ADVANTAGE FOR THE
NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURE SECTOR FOR BOTH NEW MEXICO FRESH
PRODUCE AND PROCESSED PRODUCTS PURCHASED BY GOVERNMENT
AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES**

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 support industries; energy conservation and greenhouse gas reductions due to reduced miles to market; and increased food security through access to locally grown foods.

WHEREAS, health studies indicate that there is direct correlation between adequate nutrition and a child's development and school performance.

WHEREAS, the County of Grant further finds that adequate nutrition is also necessary for the physical health of adults, especially senior citizens, and that ready access to New Mexico farm and ranch raised food will help reduce diet-related diseases.

WHEREAS, the County of Grant 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.

WHEREAS, the County of Grant finds that the local authorities' existing procurement requirements and practices are based on State regulations.

WHEREAS, the County of Grant intends that the State of New Mexico procurement preference strengthens the connections between the State's agricultural

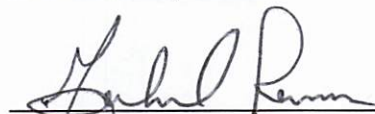
sector and the State and local authorities' food procurement procedures in order to expand local agricultural markets, improve the nutrition of our citizens especially our children and at-risk adults and have a positive impact on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of County Commissioners supports State of New Mexico Legislation, Senate Bill 63, increasing the preference advantage for the New Mexico agriculture sector for both fresh and processed foods produced in New Mexico and is purchased by government and other public and private entities.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th DAY OF February 2011.

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Brett Kasten, Chair


Gabriel Ramos, Member


Christy Miller, Member

ATTEST:




Robert Zamarripa, County Clerk