

GRANT COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO.R-14-33

**Declaring July 14 Through 18, 2014
As “New Mexico Hunger Week”**

WHEREAS, nationwide, New Mexico has one of the highest rates of overall food insecurity of all residents, including children, veterans, the homeless and seniors; and

WHEREAS, annual feeding America statistics ranked New Mexico as the most food insecure state for Children in the nation; and

WHEREAS, forty thousand New Mexicans seek food assistance each week; and

WHEREAS, forty percent of New Mexicans who receive food assistance are children under the age of eighteen, while seven percent for those children are under the age of five; and

WHEREAS, thirteen percent of people who seek food assistance are senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is a myth that people who need food assistance are homeless or out of work, when, in reality, only eight percent of people seeking assistance are homeless and thirty-two percent of households seeking emergency food assistance include at least one employed adult; and

WHEREAS, while thousands of New Mexicans receive assistance through the supplemental nutrition assistance program, the funding only provides for less than three weeks of groceries; and

WHEREAS, New Mexicans face difficult choices between paying for food and paying for utilities, rent or mortgage , medicine or medical care and transportation; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to address New Mexico's food insecurity and to eliminate hunger in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, a hunger summit coordinated and sponsored by the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District and the non-metro area agency on aging will be held on July 17-18, 2014 at the Isleta resort and casino in Albuquerque to address these issues; and

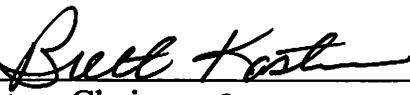
WHEREAS, statewide participation is expected to include federal and state agencies, local governments, non-profit agencies, food banks faith-based organizations and other entities that are addressing hunger issues in New Mexico;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Grant County Board of Commissioners that July 14 through 18, 2014, be declared "New Mexico Hunger Week"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District/non-metro area agency on aging.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Grant County Board of Commissioners on this 10th day of July, 2014.

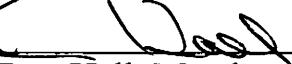
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