

County of Grant

State of New Mexico

**Resolution No. R-21-13**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REINSTATEMENT OF A STATE MEAT  
INSPECTION PROGRAM IN NEW MEXICO**

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico livestock producers have historically been known for producing high quality meat; and

**WHEREAS**, Annual cash receipts for livestock products in New Mexico are valued at more than \$2 billion dollars, with meat animals accounting for \$824 million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Nationally, some 80 percent of the beef packing industry needs are serviced by only four companies; and

**WHEREAS**, Increasingly this packer concentration has limited the income of meat producers, retailers, and others in the food production chain; raised the cost of meat for consumers and even limited the ability of some consumers to purchase meat; and

**WHEREAS**, The pandemic of 2020 affirmed the ills of this packer concentration for producers, consumers and animals alike; and

**WHEREAS**, Many consumers are now demanding to know where their food comes from and how it is raised, and demonstrating a preference for purchasing locally grown meat; and

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico does not currently have a regulatory process in place that would foster the sale and purchase of locally grown meat products; and

**WHEREAS**, There is public, legislative and administrative support to reinstate New Mexico meat inspection;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County supports the reinstatement of an adequately funded state meat inspection for New Mexico.

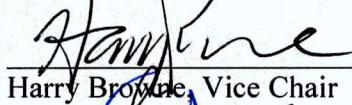
**LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, that the State of New Mexico recognize the needed changes to the State Meat Inspection Program and that the current system fails to support New Mexico meat producers, retailers, and consumers.

*[Signature Page Follows]*

Passed, Approved and Adopted by the Board of Grant County Commissioners this 11th day of February 2021.

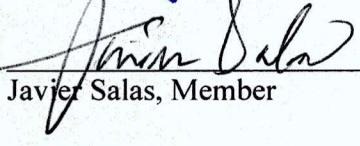
**BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
Chris Ponce, Chairman

  
Harry Browne, Vice Chair

  
Gerald W. Billings, Jr., Member

  
Alicia Edwards, Member

  
Javier Salas, Member

ATTEST:

  
Marisa Castrillo, County Clerk

[SEAL]

