## SANTA FE COUNTY Resolution No. 2010-222

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE OF NEW MEXICO LEGISLATION 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 Santa Fe 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 Santa Fe 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 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.

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

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Fe 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 Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners supports State of New Mexico Legislation increasing the preference advantage for the New Mexico agriculture sector for both fresh and processed foods produced in New Mexico and purchased by government and other public and private entities.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 30th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2010.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** 

Harry Montova, Chairman

ATTEST:

Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fa County Clerk

SANTA FE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 1ST Day Of December, 2010 at 09:16:35 AM Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

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Valerie Espinoza
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM