

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-61**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Carmichael A. Dominguez Mayor Javier M. Gonzales
6 Councilor Mike Harris Councilor Peter N. Ives
7 Councilor Signe I. Lindell Councilor Joseph M. Maestas
8 Councilor Christopher M. Rivera Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo
9 Councilor Renee D. Villarreal

10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **SUPPORTING THE FIFTH ANNUAL 2016 NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR FOOD DRIVE.**

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13 **WHEREAS**, New Mexico consistently ranks as one of the worst states for food security; and

14 **WHEREAS**, each week in New Mexico, more than 40,000 people seek food assistance; and

15 **WHEREAS**, over 26,000 people live in poverty in Santa Fe County, with over 7,800
16 children in poverty; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in our community, one in three children are affected by hunger; and

18 **WHEREAS**, research has demonstrated children who go without adequate, healthy
19 food cannot thrive; and

20 **WHEREAS**, public and private partnerships can both feed children and
21 improve the local agricultural economy; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in Northern New Mexico, it is the mission of The Food Depot to end hunger in
23 this area; and

24 **WHEREAS**, within the City of Santa Fe, nearly 10% of low income families live a mile or

1 more from the nearest grocery store; and

2 **WHEREAS**, The Food Depot fulfills this goal through serving as the food bank for nine
3 Northern New Mexico counties, providing food to more than 145 nonprofit agencies including
4 emergency food pantries, hot meal programs, homeless shelters, youth programs, senior centers,
5 homes for the mentally disabled and shelters for battered persons; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 2015, The Food Depot distributed an average of 440,000 pounds of food
7 each month, providing more than 370,000 meals to people in need, including the most vulnerable in
8 our community; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Food Depot provides food for more than 6 million meals throughout 9
10 counties in Northern New Mexico every year, 48% of those meals to people in need in Santa Fe
11 County; and

12 **WHEREAS**, more than just feeding people, The Food Depot is trying to help people change
13 their lives; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since 2011, the neighborhoods in Santa Fe have participated in donating food to
15 The Food Depot through an area-wide Neighborhood Association “Neighbor to Neighbor” Food
16 Drive; and

17 **WHEREAS**, this food drive has grown exponentially over the last four years; and

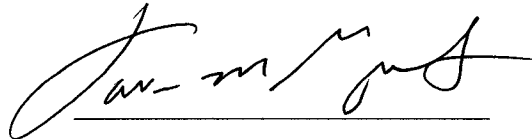
18 **WHEREAS**, in 2015, 37 neighborhoods donated a total of ten (10) tons or 20,546 pounds of
19 food to this drive, therefore providing 17,122 meals for those in need; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on Saturday, September 17, 2016, the Neighborhood Associations of Santa Fe
21 will again band together for the Fifth Annual Area-Wide “Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive”.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
23 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body supports and encourages the efforts of the
24 “Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive” on September 17, 2016.

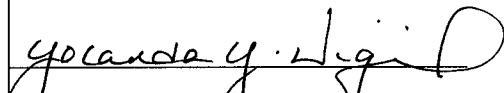
1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that appropriate staff, as determined by the City Manager,
2 and in conjunction with organizers of the "Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive" are directed to help
3 inform all neighborhoods in Santa Fe of this event and to assist the neighborhoods and The Food
4 Depot in collecting the food donations through this drive.

5 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of August, 2016.

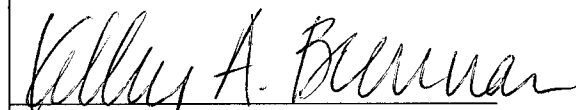
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8 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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10 ATTEST:

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13 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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18 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY