

Hunger Action Month

September 2011

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern in the United States, the State of California, and Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County is committed to taking steps to provide additional resources that our citizens need and raise awareness about the need to combat hunger in every part of Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County is committed to working with the Alameda County Community Food Bank (the Food Bank) to educate people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, one in six children and adults in Alameda County rely on food provided by the Food Bank and its network members, and 43 percent of the 49,000 people the Food Bank serves each week are children; and

WHEREAS, the number of people suffering from hunger in Alameda County has increased twenty three percent since 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank will distribute 22 million pounds of food this year throughout 275 strategically placed food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations throughout Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank works to break the cycle of poverty by educating community members and elected officials about the causes of hunger and poverty and advocates for policies that improve the lives of low income people; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank has joined a national effort to host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, does hereby proclaim the month of September as “Hunger Action Month” and encourages all citizens to recognize and seek long-term solutions to prevent and eliminate hunger in our community.

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