

*The Board of Supervisors of  
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2011/457**

**LAUNCHING THE 2011 “CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CARES” HOLIDAY FOOD FIGHT**

**WHEREAS**, there is growing unemployment, economic hardship, resulting in loss of homes, greater food insecurity, and even more hunger than in past years, in this County and in the State of California; and **WHEREAS**, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, which originated as a Contra Costa County effort, works heroically on the front line of the effort to address this issue, providing food directly and through countless agencies to well over 89,000 Contra Costa County residents this year, an increase of 63% in just four years; and

**WHEREAS**, close to 7,000 employees of Contra Costa County, in virtually every department, have since 2002 been holding this annual drive to serve the residents of Contra Costa County who are in need of a helping hand, and have in that time span raised a grand total of \$638,226 (on our way to a million dollars!); and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Contra Costa regained the Big Apple Trophy from Solano County during the 2010 “Counties Care” friendly “food fight” and will work hard to retain it in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2011 Contra Costa County fund/food drive will take place between November 21 and December 31, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, this year’s challenge will chart success in numbers of meals provided per employee dollars contributed during the 2011 holiday season to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano; and

**WHEREAS**, the County employees encourage the public to participate by donating funds, food and volunteer energy to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano online in a corresponding “people-to-people” challenge between the counties;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County hereby commends, encourages, and challenges employees and residents of Contra Costa and Solano counties to open their hearts and wallets to assist the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano and its client organizations during the coming holiday season; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County hereby officially continues the annual challenge with Solano County and kicks off the 2011 “Counties Care Friendly Food Fight”; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County hereby encourages all citizens of Contra Costa and Solano counties to extend the generous holiday spirit throughout the year to help those less fortunate.

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**GAYLE B. UILKEMA**

Chair,  
District II Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**

District I Supervisor

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**MARY N. PIEPHO**

District III Supervisor

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**

District IV Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: November 1, 2011

David J. Twa,

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy