

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2017/401

LAUNCHING THE 2017 "CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CARES" HOLIDAY FOOD FIGHT

WHEREAS, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, which originated as a Contra Costa County project, works heroically on the front line of the daily effort to address this issue, providing food to 121,500 residents of Contra Costa County, a number that has happily decreased since last year as a result of the growing economy; and

WHEREAS, one in nine people in this County need the Food Bank's assistance at this time; and

WHEREAS, the recent fires in neighboring Napa, Sonoma, and Solano counties will create extra demands on the Food Bank's budget due to reduced access to produce, as well as needing to serve thousands of displaced people needing extra help as they struggle to regain some semblance of normal life; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank is enabled, by our monetary donations, to purchase and distribute fresh produce, which makes up nearly 60% of everything they dispense to our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, approximately 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 themselves in that time span raised \$1.25 million in this effort; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Contra Costa County funds-for-food drive will take place between November 20 and December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, County employees encourage the public to participate in the 2017 "Counties Care: Peace, Love, and Veggies IV, The Farewell Tour" between the employees of Contra Costa and Solano counties by donating generously and often 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 recognizes this great and constant need in the community, and 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 2017 "Counties Care: Peace, Love, and Veggies IV, The Farewell Tour"; 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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Chair, District V Supervisor

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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 14, 2017

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy