

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2023/149

RECOGNIZING APRIL 10 THROUGH 16, 2023 AS FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK AND RECOGNIZING THE VALUABLE WORK OF WHITE PONY EXPRESS IN HELPING REDUCE FOOD WASTE, ELIMINATE HUNGER, AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, April 10 through 16, 2023 was Food Waste Prevention Week, a collaborative effort between the public and private sectors to raise awareness about the need to reduce food waste, divert healthy food away from landfills, and decrease food insecurity nationwide.

WHEREAS, White Pony Express is a non-profit food rescue organization founded in 2013 to serve Contra Costa County residents. Its mission is to “eliminate hunger and poverty by delivering the abundance all around us to those in need,” and its motto, which emphasizes compassion and volunteerism, is “all of us taking care of all of us.”

WHEREAS, in 2021, approximately 40% of all food produced in America was thrown away, while an estimated 42 million people, including 13 million children, experienced food insecurity; if one third of the food that is being thrown away were rescued, we could eliminate hunger entirely.

WHEREAS, food in landfills decomposes slowly, releasing methane gas which significantly contributes to climate change; and through its food rescue efforts, White Pony Express has prevented more than 22 tons of greenhouse gases from entering the air we breathe.

WHEREAS, White Pony Express, with the help of more than 400 dedicated volunteers, has rescued and delivered more than 18 million fresh, high-quality meals to more than 90 non-profit agencies, including shelters, community centers, under-sourced schools, and senior living facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors recognizes the invaluable service White Pony Express provides to our community; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is committed to raising public awareness about the need to reduce food waste, protect the environment and increase food security and recognizes April 10 through 16 as Food Waste Prevention Week; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors encourages supermarkets, restaurants, and other food producers to donate high-quality, surplus food to White Pony Express so the organization can expand its capacity to serve members of our community.

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Chair, District I 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: April 18, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy