The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of launching the "Contra Costa County Cares" Holiday Food Fight

Resolution No. 2015/404

WHEREAS, one in eight people still rely on the Food Bank for food assistance in this County; and

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 125,000 residents of Contra Costa County, a stubbornly consistent number over the past two years despite the so called "healing" economy; and

WHEREAS, the current drought is creating extra demands on the Food Bank's budget due to higher produce costs; and

WHEREAS, hunger exists in every corner of our community and affects people of all ages, ethnicities, education levels and employment status; 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 over \$1,000,000 in this effort; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Contra Costa County funds for food drive will take place between November 23 and December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, County employees encourage the public to participate in the 2015 "Counties Care: Peace, Love, and Veggies II Holiday Food Fight" 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 does hereby recognize this great and growing need in the community, and commend, encourage, and challenge 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 does hereby officially continue the annual challenge with Solano County and kick off the 2015 "Counties Care: Peace, Love, and Veggies II Holiday Food Fight"; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby encourage all citizens of Contra Costa and Solano counties to extend the generous holiday spirit throughout the year to help those less fortunate.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 3rd day of November, 2015.

JOHN GIOIA Chair,

District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO District III Supervisor

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 3, 2015

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By Stephania Mello, Deputy