The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of launching the 2018 "Contra Costa County Cares" Holiday Food Fight

Resolution No. 2018/542

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 122,000 residents of Contra Costa County on a monthly basis, a number that has slightly increased since last year; and

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

WHEREAS, climate, housing shortages, and other societal pressures create extra demands on the Food Bank's budget, due to reduced access to fresh produce, as well as the necessity to serve people needing extra help to make ends meet and navigate their changing situations; 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 \$1.3 million in this effort; and

WHERFAS, the 2018 Counties Care - Holiday Food Fight will take place between November 19 and December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, County employees encourage the public to participate in the "2018 Counties Care - 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize this great and constant need in the community, and does 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 of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby officially continue the annual challenge with Solano County and kicks off the "2018 Counties Care - Holiday Food Fight"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County 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 6th day of November, 2018.

KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair,

District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

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 6, 2018

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

By Stephanie Wello , Deputy