The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of launching the "2021 Counties Care – Holiday Food Fight"

Resolution No. 2021/370

WHEREAS, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties originated as a Contra Costa County project; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank works heroically, on the front lines of the daily effort, to address food inadequacies by providing monthly sustenance to approximately 119,000 residents, of Contra Costa County; and

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

WHEREAS, climate, power outages, devastating fires, COVID-19, housing shortages, skyrocketing rents, 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 that need extra help, to make ends meet and navigate their changing situations; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank is enabled, by our monetary donations from County employees, to purchase and distribute fresh produce, which makes up nearly 55% of everything they dispense to our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, approximately 6,530 employees of Contra Costa County, in virtually every department, have participated in this annual drive to serve the residents of Contra Costa County who are in need and have, over the last 19 years, raised approximately \$1.5 million toward this effort; and

WHEREAS, the "2021 Counties Care - Holiday Food Fight" will take place, between November 15th and December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, County employees encourage the public to participate in the "2021 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 on-line, 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 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 Counties 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 "2021 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 9th day of November 2021.

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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 9, 2021

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

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