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

In the matter of: Launching the "2024 Counties Care – Holiday Food Fight."

Resolution No. 2024-365

WHEREAS, 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, providing food 242,364 times on average each month to residents of Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, The Food Bank distributes over 20 million pounds of food each year to food insecure residents of Contra Costa County seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, the number of residents of this County who are struggling to make ends meet and need the Food Bank's assistance continues to remain high; 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 21 years raised approximately \$1.6 million toward this effort; and

WHEREAS, the "2024 Counties Care - Holiday Food Fight" will take place between November 18th and December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, County employees encourage the public to participate in the "2024 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does 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 Counties 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 "2024 Counties Care - Holiday Food Fight" and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County hereby encourages all residents 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 22nd day of October 2024.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

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District I Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS
District III Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

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District IV 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: October 22, 2024

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

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