

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 5 AS NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, National Hunger Awareness Day is a public awareness campaign to help inform individuals, communities, businesses and policymakers that hunger is a severe but solvable domestic issue; and

WHEREAS, hunger continues to plague many of the most vulnerable residents in Santa Barbara County including children, the elderly, and the working poor; and

WHEREAS, the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, a member of America's Second Harvest, will join with other foodbanks, food relief agencies, and churches throughout the nation to raise awareness about hunger and the acute situation many people face; and

WHEREAS, the Foodbank serves as a vital link between the multi-faceted food industry and people in need of food; and by establishing partnerships at the national, regional and local level with the growers, producers and manufacturers of food, the Foodbank gains access to millions of pounds of valuable foods which would not be available to County residents through any other channel; and

WHEREAS, 48% of the people served by the Foodbank are children and 45% of the people served by the Foodbank have at least one working adult in the home; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the Foodbank distributed over 5.5 million pounds of food to 200 social service agencies, churches and organizations touching the lives of 100,000 people throughout Santa Barbara County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors proclaims June 5, 2007 as "National Hunger Awareness Day" and commends the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County for its dedication to ending hunger in our community.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 5th Day of June, 2007 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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