

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE SUCCESS OF EFFORTS TO COMBAT SUMMER CHILDHOOD HUNGER IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, over 20 percent of children in Santa Barbara County live in poverty. Summer should be a magical time but for many of these kids – away from the nutritious meals at school they rely on during the academic year – it is a time when their hunger is at its worst; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 only 19% of children who rely on free and reduced meals during the school year were accessing free summer meals programs. That means over 80% of children who need this kind of nutritional support were not receiving it; and

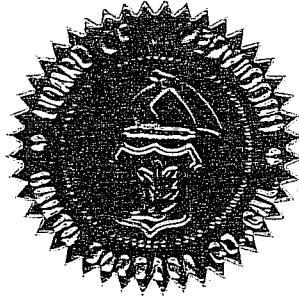
WHEREAS, there are many organizations dedicated to feeding children healthy meals in the summer which includes: Carpinteria Unified School District, City of Santa Barbara, City of Santa Maria, Community Action Commission, the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, Guadalupe Unified School District, Lompoc Unified School District, No Kid Hungry, Santa Barbara Unified School District, and the United Boys and Girls Club of Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years, these organizations have bound together to strengthen efforts to encourage more children to participate in free summer meals, while adding locations and breakfast service that includes over forty public locations such as parks, schools and recreation centers throughout the county. Under the leadership of Jeff Bridges as the national spokesperson for Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign, they've boosted attention and involved the community by holding dozens of summer meal concerts with young musicians, while showing kids how much this community cares about them; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, thanks to these collective efforts, the participation in summer meal programs increased 33% county-wide from 2014. That means 211,874 nutritious free meals were served in the summer of 2015 compared to 159,231 in 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors commends the coalition of service providers for its dedication to ending hunger in our community – especially during the summer.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 8th day of December, 2015 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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