



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA



Hunger Action Month | FEEDING AMERICA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the issue of hunger and food insecurity continues to impact communities across the U.S., including right here in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, access to sufficient and nutritious food is a fundamental human right, and efforts to eradicate food insecurity require collaborative action from individuals, organizations, and government entities; and

WHEREAS, Hunger Action Month, observed annually in September, serves as a reminder of the urgent need to raise awareness about food insecurity and mobilize efforts to address it;

WHEREAS, the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County has demonstrated exceptional dedication in the fight against hunger, as evidenced by the fact that it serves more than 1 in 3 County residents annually through a network of partner agencies and a plethora of innovative, evidence-based and award-winning nutrition programs; and

WHEREAS, the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County is a member agency of Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger-relief organization that plays a significant role addressing Hunger Action Month through the following actions:

- Raising Awareness to educate the public about the prevalence of food insecurity in the U.S.;*
- Engaging the Public by encouraging individuals, communities, businesses, and organizations to participate in Hunger Action Month by organizing events, campaigns, and activities like food drives, volunteer opportunities, and fundraising events;*
- Advocating for policy changes that can have a lasting impact on food insecurity and engaging with elected officials to raise awareness about the issue and advocate for policies that support food assistance programs;*
- Partnering with stakeholders to amplify the message of Hunger Action Month and increase its impact;*
- Storytelling sharing personal stories from individuals who have been affected by hunger to put a human face on the issue and emphasize the importance of community support.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that County of Santa Barbara commends the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County for its dedication to combating food insecurity and for its role in positively impacting the lives of the people, children and families in Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 12th day of September 2023.



ATTEST:

Manoj Prasad
Clerk of the Board

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