



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING "RIVER OF GIVING" AND FOUNDER MAILI HALME FOR MOBILIZING TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY AND OTHER BASIC NEEDS DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is a global public health emergency that has upended the lives of so many people, sparing no country, government or population; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic had a devastating effect on the health and livelihoods of many; and

WHEREAS, shelter-in-place, quarantines, and other restrictions related to COVID-19 disrupted people's safe access to basic services, and especially people's access to food, and early in the pandemic put many in the food service industry out of work; and

WHEREAS, Maili Halme and the group she formed, "River of Giving", recognized the need for additional food and household paper goods distribution during the COVID-19 crisis and many dedicated community volunteers mobilized to help her meet increased needs, especially focusing on the needs of the residents of the Santa Ynez Valley, Los Alamos and Lompoc; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Halme's leadership, "River of Giving" and its volunteers assisted in providing food access to the hard-working families and individuals in the restaurant and hospitality industry who were temporarily out of work due to the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara recognizes the importance and value of community volunteers who have supported fellow community members in need throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors proclaims that Maili Halme and "River of Giving" be recognized for tireless and heroic efforts to serve vulnerable community members during the COVID-19 health emergency, so no community member went hungry or without necessary goods.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 16th day of November 2021 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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