

ENDING HUNGER IN ALAMEDA COUNTY BY 2020

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution in support of the New War on Poverty at its meeting on January 7, 2014;

WHEREAS, the rate of persistent poverty in the United States is currently higher than in 1964 when President Johnson declared the first War on Poverty and the degree of income inequality is the greatest since the late 1920's;

WHEREAS, California currently has the highest poverty rate in the nation at 23.8% and there are 50 neighborhoods in Alameda County with overall poverty rates that exceed 25%;

WHEREAS, there are 15 neighborhoods in Alameda County with child poverty rates above 50% and another 36 neighborhoods where the child poverty rate exceeds 32%;

WHEREAS, the County of Alameda has a direct role in ending hunger through CalFresh and WIC enrollment and support of programs such as the Sheriff's Dig Deep Farms and the County Administrator's Stone Soup competition;

WHEREAS, the County of Alameda has had a long standing commitment to supporting organizations such as Alameda County Community Food Bank and Meals on Wheels;

WHEREAS, "ALL IN ALAMEDA COUNTY – The New War on Poverty" has coalesced government agencies and community-based organizations to end hunger through a number of means, including community gardens, food redistribution, nutritious food, and policy changes;

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 children in California are food insecure and Alameda County Community Food Bank currently serves 1 in 5 residents of the county; and

WHEREAS, there is a direct correlation between ending poverty and ending hunger.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, joins Alameda County Community Food Bank and our community and business partners to lead a campaign to end hunger in Alameda County by the year 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors calls upon county agencies, city leaders, community-based organizations, business partners and the broader community to bring together all available resources to meet the goal of ending hunger by 2020.