

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

SEPTEMBER 2025 IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than one-in-seven Americans (13.5 percent) said that there had been times over the past 12 months that they did not have enough money to buy food that they or their families needed; and

WHEREAS, in Humboldt County, hunger is a daily experience for many people, with more than 22,000 people facing food insecurity (16.7% of the county), of which nearly 6,000 are children (for a child food insecurity rate of 22%); and

WHEREAS, almost 30,000 Humboldt residents participate in CalFresh, 26% of whom are children; and

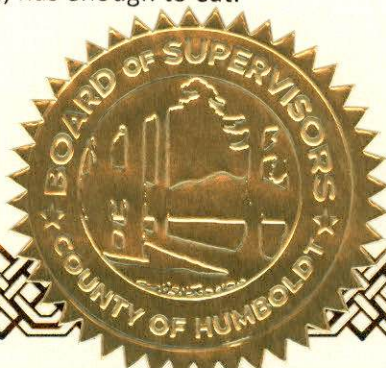
WHEREAS, hunger costs our nation at least \$160 billion each year due to the combination of lost economic productivity, avoidable health care costs, poor educational outcomes and lower lifetime earnings, and the cost of charitable assistance to keep families fed; and

WHEREAS, Food for People, the food bank for Humboldt County, distributed more than 2.4 million pounds of food last year, and its services reach more than 21,000 individuals in communities across Humboldt County each month; and

WHEREAS, Food for People is joining the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks to urge community members to learn and do something about hunger in Humboldt County every day and to take action locally because "We Can End Hunger - When We All Work Together".

THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes September as Hunger Action Month and encourages the community to learn more about hunger and take action to ensure that every Humboldt County resident, every day, has enough to eat.

Dated: September 9, 2025



Michelle Bushnell, Chair