

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**



WHEREAS, Anne Holcomb devoted 22 years as Executive Director of Food for People, the food bank for Humboldt County, expanding its scope to operate 18 unique, countywide programs for people of all ages at more than 85 locations, including the Backpacks for Kids Weekend Hunger Relief Program, Children's Summer Lunch and Food Box Program, Mobile Produce Pantry, Free Produce Markets, Senior & Homebound programs, a large network of pantries for localized response, Nutrition Education, and CalFresh Outreach to increase access to food resources; and

WHEREAS, Anne positioned Food for People as one of the most creative food banks in the state, engaged in warehousing, trucking, and diverse direct services that reach the far corners of our rural county; and

WHEREAS, Anne has put nutrition at the forefront of all food distribution programs, increasing households' access to fresh fruits and vegetables and high quality, nutritious foods that support good health; and

WHEREAS, Anne developed Food for People's ability to prepare for and respond to natural disasters with emergency food and water as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, Anne led a successful capital campaign and construction project resulting in an attractive, well-designed new food bank, warehouse and office facility that will serve the community for years to come, but that she was only able to enjoy working in for a month before retiring; and

WHEREAS, Anne ensured an environment of dignity, respect, and compassion throughout the food bank community; and

WHEREAS, Anne served as a generous mentor and collaborator for staff, community partners, and statewide allies in hunger relief; and

WHEREAS, Anne stood up as an advocate for programs and policies that support hunger relief and address the root causes of hunger and poverty; and

WHEREAS, Anne devoted her career to leading with heart, kindness, respect, integrity, skill, precision, and a fantastic sense of humor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby commends Anne Holcomb on her long career of service to the people of Humboldt County and wishes her a happy, healthy and long, well-deserved retirement.

Dated: June 27, 2023

Steve Madrone, Chair