

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, every year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food as part of the nation's largest one-day food drive, distributing the donations to local food banks such as Food for People, the food bank for Humboldt County, and its partner pantries in individual local communities; and

WHEREAS, since 1993 the Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has collected more than 1.9 billion pounds of food nationwide, and in 2023 brought in more than 42 million pounds of food in more than 10,000 cities in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, more than 44 million people live in hunger every day in America, including more than 13 million children; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County letter carriers collected more than 43,000 pounds of food from local community members in 2023, providing critical food resources for Food for People's countywide network of 23 food pantries serving more than 21,000 Humboldt County residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the rising cost of living, including groceries, gasoline, housing, utilities, and medical care is having a serious impact on low-income children, seniors and families, particularly those living on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, we recognize all the letter carriers for their hard work and their commitment to their communities, and we appreciate community members' support of the food drive. All the food collected in each community stays in that community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Saturday, **May 11, 2024** as **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE DAY** and asks all residents of Humboldt County for their support by leaving a nonperishable food donation next to their mailbox on the second Saturday in May for their letter carrier to pick up and deliver to local food banks and pantries.

DATED: MAY 7, 2024

Rex Bohn, Chair

