

1 [Hunger Action Month - September 2020]

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3 **Resolution declaring September 2020 as Hunger Action Month in the City and County**
4 **of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in California where nearly 1
7 in 4 households—a staggering 10 million people—struggle with hunger in and nearly 1 in every
8 3 households with children do not know where their next meal will come from; and

9 WHEREAS, This record level of hunger is highest among low-income communities of
10 color, including immigrant Californians who do the essential work necessary to keep our
11 community going, but that also puts them at highest risk for COVID-19; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part
13 of our community and to provide additional resources that those in San Francisco need; and

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco is committed to working with San Francisco-Marin Food
15 Bank in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger
16 and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues;
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18 WHEREAS, CalFresh is our number one defense against hunger, helping nearly 5
19 million Californians to eat and delivering \$6 billion in food benefits to the state economy, yet
20 federal law excludes undocumented neighbors and other Californians facing hunger; and

21 WHEREAS, Federal inaction in the face of unprecedented hunger underscores the
22 need for California to deliver bold solutions like AB 826 (Santiago) that aims to address
23 inequitable access to food and drive economic recovery through our food system, especially
24 for those excluded from aid; and

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1 WHEREAS, San Francisco-Marín Food Bank has been a vital resource during this
2 crisis, serving nearly double the number of weekly households via our pantry network,
3 distributing 1.3 million meals to San Franciscans in need; and

4 WHEREAS, Statewide, members of the California Association of Food Banks
5 distributed more than 391 million pounds of food serving 22 million people since COVID-19
6 began through their network of 42 food banks; and

7 WHEREAS, The month of September has been designated “Hunger Action Month” in
8 order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to engage the public in
9 action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to end hunger
10 together; and

11 WHEREAS, Food banks across the country, including San Francisco-Marín Food Bank
12 will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness to the
13 increasing hunger crisis throughout our community, country and state -- and help bring an end
14 to hunger in our local communities; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes
16 September 2020 as Hunger Action Month in the City and County of San Francisco, and call
17 this observance to the attention of our residents.

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