

Resolution No. 2017-237

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHALLENGING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST FOOD INSECURITY IN SOLANO AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES BY PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL "PEACE, LOVE AND VEGGIES HOLIDAY FOOD FIGHT"

WHEREAS, it all began in 2004 when Contra Costa County challenged Solano County to participate in a friendly "Food Fight" challenge to raise funds to support food collection and distribution efforts in Contra Costa and Solano Counties; and

WHEREAS, hunger exists in every corner of our communities and affects people of all ages, ethnicities, education levels and employment status, with one in eight people relying on the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano for food assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank is there for those in need of a helping hand, working heroically on the front line of the daily effort to address food insecurity, providing monthly to 125,000 residents in Contra Costa County and 63,000 residents in Solano County; and

WHEREAS, the recent fires in neighboring Napa and Sonoma counties will likely create extra demands on the Food Bank's budget due to reduced access to produce, as well as potentially needing to serve thousands of displaced people needing help as they try and regain some semblance of normal life; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County and Solano County employees have accepted the challenge to continue to fight against food insecurity by participating in the annual "Food Fight" challenge and annual holiday fund drive for the past twelve years to support residents in the counties of Solano and Contra Costa in need of Food Bank services; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the combined thirteen-year effort of both Contra Costa County and Solano County employees exceeded a cumulative donation total of over \$1.23 million, and with the friends of the food fight included, over \$1.62 million has been donated to the Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 "Peace, Love and Veggies Holiday Food Fight" will take place between November 20 and December 31, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby commends the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors for its past "Food Fight" successes and challenges employees and residents of Solano and Contra Costa Counties to open their hearts and wallets once again to assist the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano and its client organizations during the coming holiday season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby officially continues the annual competition with Contra Costa County and kicks off the 2017 "Peace, Love and Veggies Holiday Food Fight" friendly challenge to continue the fight against food insecurity.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2017




JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: 
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk