



PROCLAMATION

of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado In Recognition of The Food Bank of El Dorado County

WHEREAS, in 1999 a local grassroots organization called the El Dorado Food Coalition worked to provide food assistance in El Dorado County. As needs grew the coalition's goal quickly became the establishment of a full-service food bank. With the help of the community at large the Food Bank of El Dorado County was created in August of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank of El Dorado County's mission is to provide comprehensive services in collaboration with other hunger response agencies that will help transform the lives of people in need. They do this by providing nutritious food, advocating for and participating in various programs which will promote self-sufficiency, raise awareness and educate the general public on local hunger, its causes and consequences, and acts as an advocate for a population that sometimes have few officials to speak for their needs; and

WHEREAS, in an average year this collaborative partnership procures and distributes over 3 million dollars of emergency food assistance in partnership with 25 local non-profit agencies located in communities throughout El Dorado County. For 20 years, the Food Bank of El Dorado County has stored and distributed resources from the Emergency Food Assistance Program in conjunction with the California Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, Through a new partnership with Cal Recycle and El Dorado County Environmental Management the Food Bank has agreed to rescue food from businesses in El Dorado County. The unused food is taken to the Food Bank where volunteers sort it into salvageable and unsalvageable product. The salvageable food is distributed to El Dorado County's at risk population, and the unsalvageable food is picked up by local livestock farmers. This process helps to keep excess food waste out of the landfill; and

WHEREAS, Veterans and their families are a priority at the Food Bank of El Dorado County. Every month volunteers deliver food to the homes of Veterans throughout El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, low-income seniors have always been served by the Food Bank of El Dorado County. A partnership with the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians allows the Food Bank the opportunity to serve seniors on a regular basis. The Elder Outreach Program is an important asset for vulnerable seniors; and

WHEREAS, The Food Banks staff, volunteers and partner agencies have remained at their post during the entire COVID 19 Pandemic making our struggling neighbors their #1 priority. This selflessness is a testimonial to the Food Banks commitment and dedication to the community they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby recognize The Food Bank of El Dorado County for becoming the largest collaborative charity in the county, and providing food assistance to those in need.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 9th day of February 2021.

Attest:
Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

John Hidahl, Chair, Board of Supervisors

