

# PROCLAMATION

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, more than one in six Americans (18.2 percent) said that there had been times over the past 12 months that they did not have enough money to buy food that they or their families needed; and

WHEREAS, in Humboldt County, hunger is a daily experience for many people, with more than 40% of low-income adults experiencing food insecurity, over 17% of seniors, and 28% of children living in poverty, which more than doubles to 57% if the household is led by a single mother; and

WHEREAS, more than 21,000 Humboldt County residents participate in CalFresh, 36% of whom are children; and

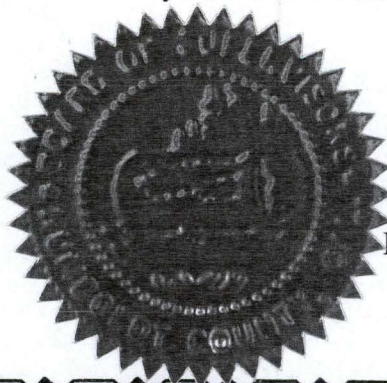
WHEREAS, hunger costs our nation at least \$167.5 billion each year due to the combination of lost economic productivity, avoidable health care costs, poor educational outcomes and lower lifetime earnings, and the cost of charity to keep families fed; and

WHEREAS, Food for People, the food bank for Humboldt County, distributed 2.2 million pounds of food last year, and its services reached more than 12,000 individuals in Humboldt County monthly; and

WHEREAS, Food for People is joining the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks to urge community members to learn and do something about hunger in Humboldt County every day and to take action locally through the “30 Ways in 30 Days” and #HungerHurts #HungerHeroes campaign (at the Hunger Education section of [www.foodforpeople.org](http://www.foodforpeople.org)).

NOW THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes September as Hunger Action Month and encourages the community to learn more about hunger and take action to ensure that every Humboldt County resident, every day, has enough to eat.

Dated: September 22, 2015



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Estelle Fennell".

ESTELLE FENNELL, Chair