



Proclaiming
September 2023
Hunger Action Month

Whereas, established in 1978, Food Share is the largest hunger-relief organization in Ventura County, serving the community for 45 years. This early anti-hunger movement started in a Ventura garage and now operates in Oxnard with three warehouses with a combined 46,000 square feet. Today, staff and volunteers distribute nearly 20 million pounds of food, or 16 million meals, annually serving vulnerable communities including farmworkers, low-income seniors, and the unhoused; and

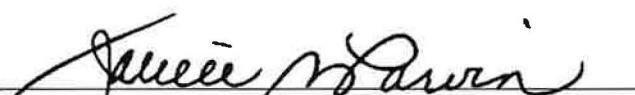
Whereas, an estimated 1 in 4 people in Ventura County experiences food insecurity, meaning that they are without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. Since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, Food Share has distributed more than 63 million pounds of food, providing over 53 million meals; and

Whereas, Food Share is feeding approximately 270,000 food-insecure people each year, or 30% of the county's population. A county-wide network of 160 pantry partners receive nutritious, fresh, and shelf-stable food items, at no charge, from Food Share's warehouse to distribute to their local communities.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in proclaiming September 2023 as Hunger Action Month. It further recognizes and supports the important role of Food Share in leading the fight against hunger in Ventura County; because no one should go hungry.

Presented on this 12th day of September 2023


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