

SAMPLE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2007 FARM BILL THAT WILL END HUNGER

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau confirms that, despite the nation's prosperity, 36.5 million Americans-- most of them children—live under the federal poverty level and on the edge of hunger every day; and

WHEREAS, local emergency food program operators report a continuing strong need and long lines of working families, children, elderly, and legal immigrants in need of food assistance; and

WHEREAS, food prices have increased by 4% in the past year alone; and

WHEREAS, hunger is both a national problem and a local problem that undermines the ability of children to learn and grow, of adults to be productive, and of elderly persons to live in dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Food Stamp Program is the nation's first defense against hunger; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture reports that, in California, four in ten persons eligible for food stamp benefits are not receiving them; and

WHEREAS, <<Name of County>> has <<number of people receiving food stamps>> food stamp recipients; and

WHEREAS, each \$5 in federal food stamp benefits generates approximately \$10 in economic activity, benefiting local communities as well as recipients; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 <<Name of County>> benefited from the <<number of dollars>> generated by the federal benefits given to low income families that have incomes below 135% of poverty; and

WHEREAS, effective strategies to connect eligible people with benefits have been identified and implemented, including << Describe Your Partnership>>; and

WHEREAS, September 2007 marks the 30th year since the establishment of the modern Food Stamp Program with the signing of the Food Stamp Act on September 29th, 1977; and

WHEREAS, the value of food stamps continue to erode annually due to freezes on the standard deductions and minimum benefits so that hungry families get less and less help each year; and

WHEREAS, in the coming weeks the United States Senate will vote on the 2007 Farm Bill, reauthorizing the Food Stamp Program; and

WHEREAS, our nation has the resources to end hunger in the United States;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY <<NAME OF COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR STATE LEGISLATURE>> CALLS FOR THE PASSAGE OF A 2007 FARM BILL THAT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF HUNGER BY SIGNIFICANTLY INVESTS IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.