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Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Preliminary Report on Equitable Access to Healthy and Local Food & Resolution Declaring October 24th 'Food Day' in Marin County

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Dear Supervisors,

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Marin Food Policy Council requests that the Marin County Board of Supervisors receive a preliminary report on equitable access to healthy and local food and adopt a resolution declaring October 24th as "Food Day" in Marin County.

SUMMARY:

The Marin Food Policy Council, first established in 1994 and reconvened in 2012 by UC Cooperative Extension, Marin Health and Human Services, and the Agricultural Institute of Marin with financial support and direction from Marin County Board of Supervisors, seeks to expand equitable access to healthy and local food for all Marin County residents. The Marin Food Policy Council requests that the Marin County Board of Supervisors receive a preliminary report on equitable access to healthy and local food and adopt a resolution declaring October 24th as 'Food Day' in Marin County.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT:

UC Cooperative Extension, Health and Human Services, and the Marin Food Policy Council seek to collaborate with other County departments, as appropriate, to explore the feasibility of the policy strategies outlined in the Preliminary Report. Such collaboration shall be limited to communication and coordination and there is no direct fiscal impact at this time.

REVIEWED BY: *(These boxes must be checked)*

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DISCUSSION:

The Marin Food Policy Council asks the County Board of Supervisors to join leaders across the Nation in declaring October 24th as "Food Day" in Marin County. By passing the resolution, the board will recognize the need to increase equitable access to healthy and local food by expanding access to healthy retail food outlets,

increasing assistance through supplemental food programs, and fostering community food production. The resolution will also encourage the Marin Food Policy Council to collaborate with appropriate County and city departments and community partner agencies to develop strategies to expand equitable access to healthy and local food in Marin City, the Canal neighborhood of San Rafael, and West Marin.

SIGNATURE:

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David Lewis
Director