



DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.



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Marin County Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
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**SUBJECT: Report from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding food insecurity and Resolution recognizing September as Hunger Action Month.**

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Receive Department of Health and Human Services' report regarding food insecurity in Marin County.
2. Supervisor Arnold requests Board approval of the Resolution proclaiming September as "Hunger Action Month in Marin County".

**SUMMARY:** As your Board is aware, food insecurity affects 1 in 5 people in Marin and disproportionality affects our low income adults, seniors, and children. Hunger has significant impacts on health, resulting in poor nutritional in-take and chronic disease.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) envisions a No One Go Hungry in Marin collective community approach to address hunger inequities. The Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) is an equity strategy to address root causes of food insecurity through the work of cross division multi-sector taskforces. HEAL employs evidenced-based policy, systems and environmental change strategies to ensure those who are eligible for supplemental nutrition assistance programs receive them, encourages streamlined food insecurity screening and the development of resources needed to address immediate food needs, and support community and school food production to expand self-sufficiency and foster resilient communities.

In addition to providing essential safety-net services, that help people receive financial food assistance, HHS HEAL funds community-based organizations to implement a wide range of evidence-based practices targeting food insecure communities. However, achieving our vision requires more than the services HHS provides; it requires strong partnerships with the Marin Food Policy Council, the SF/Marin Food Bank, other county departments, our cities and towns, business leaders and community-based organizations, all of which have different roles to play. HHS acts as a convener to facilitate those partnerships. One recent example of this collaboration has been the newly formed Calfresh Taskforce.

The Department's report to your Board will give some background on our local CalFresh program and will provide an update on activities related to Marin's HEAL CalFresh Taskforce and results from the 2017 Point-in-Time Count.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal component associated with the acceptance of this report.

<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	County Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Department of Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Respectfully submitted,



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