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To: Robin Stieler, Clerk of the Board

From: Chair Doug Chaffee, Fourth District  
Vice Chair Katrina Foley, Fifth District

Subject: Presentation Item for September 23, 2025, Board of Supervisors Meeting –  
Revision to Hunger Action Month

*Doug Chaffee*  
*Katrina Foley*

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Chair Doug Chaffee and Vice Chair Katrina Foley request a revision to the resolution language and title for Hunger Action Month. Revised title should read:

Chair Chaffee and Vice Chair Foley will be presenting a resolution recognizing September 2025 as "Hunger Action Month"

## **2025 Hunger Action Month**

**WHEREAS**, hunger and poverty remain issues of vital concern in California, where more than one in five Californians face food insecurity on a daily basis and do not know where their next meal will come from; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone needs nutritious food to thrive, and people work hard to provide for themselves and their families—yet more than 359,000 individuals, including more than 86,000 children, here in Orange County are food insecure; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Orange is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community, including administering \$62 million in direct food assistance monthly through CalFresh – supporting 90,029 seniors and 229,391 children and adults as of 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, every dollar invested in these programs contributes to the economic vitality of Orange County, as \$1.79 in food assistance (per dollar) circulates back into the local economy and generates new economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Orange is committed to working with the Orange County Hunger Alliance in educating people about the role and importance of food banks and food care in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

**WHEREAS**, in the first half of 2025, Orange County Food Bank and Second Harvest Food Bank collectively recorded an average of 810,996 individual food distribution visits per month from our community members facing food insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, in the first half of 2025, Orange County Food Bank, Second Harvest Food Bank, United Across Borders, ICNA Relief Southern California, Laguna Food Pantry, Share Ourselves, and South County Outreach have collectively distributed more than 40,000,000 pounds of food through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, senior centers, schools, colleges, universities, houses of worship, and other community organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Abound Food Care helps to facilitate the recovery of more than 25 million pounds of excess edible food in Orange county each year, reducing food waste and diverting that food to those who need it; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of September has been designated “Hunger Action Month,” bringing attention to food insecurity in our communities and enlisting the public in the movement to end hunger by taking action – including volunteering, donating, and advocating – to ensure every community, and everybody in it, has the food they need to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, food banks and other organizations across the country, including the members of the Orange County Hunger Alliance, will host events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end food insecurity in our local community;

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