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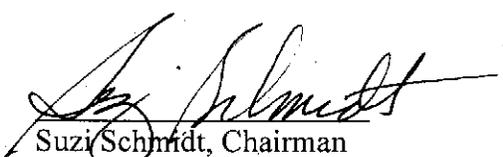
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COUNTY BOARD, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ADJOURNED REGULAR SEPTEMBER A.D., 2006 SESSION
MAY 8, A.D., 2007

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD:

Your Chairman presents herewith a Resolution proclaiming June 5, 2007 as **LAKE COUNTY HUNGER AWARENESS DAY**; and requests its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,


Suzi Schmidt, Chairman
Lake County Board

Proclamation

Whereas, food insecurity and hunger are a fact of life for hundreds of thousands of low-income citizens of northern Illinois and can produce physical, mental, and social impairments; and

Whereas, the problem of hunger and food insecurity can be found in rural, suburban, and urban portions of northern Illinois, touching many families and individuals throughout; and

Whereas, progress has been made in reducing the incidence of hunger and food insecurity in Lake County, certain populations remain vulnerable to hunger and the negative effects of food deprivation, including the working poor, the elderly, the homeless, children, and migrant workers; and

Whereas, the people of Lake County have a long tradition of providing food assistance to hungry people through acts of private generosity and public support programs; and

Whereas, the State of Illinois provides essential nutritional support to millions of low-income people through the administration of numerous Federal and State food assistance programs, including--

(1) the Federal Food Stamp Program, as established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

(2) child nutrition programs, such as the National School Lunch Program and Summer Food Service Program; and

(3) food donation programs, such as The Emergency Food Assistance Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program;

Whereas, there is a growing awareness of the important public and private partnership role that community-based organizations, institutions of faith, and charities provide in assisting hungry and food-insecure people; and

Whereas, a diverse group of organizations have documented substantial increases in requests for emergency food assistance during the last year with numerous families relying on food banks to secure food; and

Whereas, Northern Illinois Food Bank, in partnership with more than 520 food assistance sites, has committed its support to America's Second Harvest – The Nation's Food Bank Network for the Hunger Awareness Campaign to provide additional resources to combat hunger; and

Whereas, additional donations, funding or volunteer support generated by the nationwide Hunger Awareness Campaign will benefit the 275,008 hungry people in need of food assistance in the 13 counties served by Northern Illinois Food Bank with valuable food resources, including the 49,015 individuals living at or below poverty in Lake County; and

Whereas, all citizens of northern Illinois can help participate in hunger relief efforts in their communities by donating food and money, volunteering, and supporting public policies aimed at reducing hunger; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that we do hereby designate June 5, 2007, as "Hunger Awareness Day" in Lake County, and call on the people of Lake County to observe Hunger Awareness Day with appropriate ceremonies, volunteer activities, and other support for local anti-hunger advocacy efforts and hunger relief charities, including food banks, food rescue organizations, food pantries, soup kitchens, and emergency shelters; and support of programs and public policies to reduce hunger and food insecurity in Illinois.

Dated, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois on this 8th day of May, A.D., 2007.