

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO FOOD INSECURITY IN LAKE COUNTY, AND REQUESTING STATE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE CALIFORNIA DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT

WHEREAS, CalFresh is a monthly benefit for food purchases that helps low-income families gain access to healthy foods and participation can play a crucial role in improving the health and status of children, veterans, the elderly, and disabled; and

WHEREAS, in Lake County, \$2.9 million per month in CalFresh benefits are issued to 10,333 families, 16,320 people, representing 24% of Lake County's population, at an average of \$287.49 per family, and CalFresh feeds the most vulnerable of Lake County's residents, where those getting CalFresh are 46% children, 18% elderly, and 4% disabled; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2025, due to the federal government shutdown, CalFresh benefits were delayed, causing severe financial hardship for Lake County families, and significantly increasing demand for food banks, food pantries, and feeding partners; and

WHEREAS, ongoing litigation and the federal shutdown continue to threaten the availability and stability of CalFresh, and upon its expiration any Continuing Resolution could result in another federal shutdown, further increasing food instability; and

WHEREAS, County of Lake, Social Services, food banks, food pantries, and feeding partners do not have the ability to meet the \$2.9 million monthly vacuum caused by any delay, or future delays, in CalFresh benefit issuance; and

WHEREAS, prior to the federal shutdown, Clear Lake Gleaners food bank served 2,117 families, 5,393 people, and Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB) served 5,531 families, 16,450 people, in Lake County, indicating greater food insecurity in Lake County than CalFresh alone can address;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, said local emergency shall be declared to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Lake County Board of Supervisors. The necessity for continuation of this proclamation shall be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors every 30 days until deemed no longer necessary.

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IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the emergency organization of Lake County shall be those prescribed by Federal Law, State Law, and by Ordinances, Resolutions and Code of the County of Lake; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, the Lake County Board of Supervisors requests the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Disaster Services Branch, make available to Lake County any and all aid for hunger relief available, including but not limited to disaster food boxes; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, a copy of this Proclamation shall be forwarded to Director of the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and all State and Federal legislators representing Lake County, representing a Local Emergency has existed in Lake County since November 1, 2025.

THIS RESOLUTION was duly passed and regularly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake at a regular meeting thereof on the 18th day of November 2025, motion by _____, and seconded by _____, motion passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER

Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

BY: _____

County Administrative Officer

COUNTY OF LAKE

Chair, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD GUINTIVANO

County Counsel
