

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-261

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF APR 08 2004

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD SECURITY IN SACRAMENTO

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento supports "the fundamental right of everyone to be free from hunger," as stated in the United Nations Covenant on Social, Economic and Cultural Rights, and envisions our community one day free from hunger;

WHEREAS, that vision is far from present reality, as documented in the Sacramento Hunger Commission's periodic study, "*Hunger Hits Home*," published in 1989, 1992 and 2004;

WHEREAS, every Sacramento resident should have access to an adequate supply of nutritious and affordable food;

WHEREAS, food security, or access to an adequate, nutritious diet, contributes to the health and well-being of residents, while reducing their need for medical care;

WHEREAS, food brings people together in celebrations of community and is an important part of the city's diverse culture;

WHEREAS, food and food production are central to Sacramento's economy and the commitment to food security can strengthen the food sector's growth and development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Sacramento, that to promote food security, we will:


- Champion the right of all residents – adults, children, seniors and the disabled – to adequate amounts of safe and nutritious food without the need to resort to emergency food providers;
- Advocate for income, employment, housing and transportation policies that support secure and dignified access to the food people need;
- Encourage the development of community gardens that increase food self-reliance, improve fitness, contribute to a cleaner environment and enhance community development;

FOR CITY CLERK USE ONLY

RESOLUTION NO.: 2004-261

DATE ADOPTED: APR 08 2004

- Promote the preservation of local agricultural lands and support urban agriculture;
- Encourage the recycling of organic materials to nurture soil fertility and reduce waste;
- Foster a civic culture that inspires all Sacramento residents and all city departments to support food programs that provide cultural, social, economic and health benefits;
- Support events highlighting the city's diverse and multicultural food traditions;
- Partner with community agencies, residents' and cooperative groups, businesses and government organizations to increase the availability of healthy foods and achieve our goals to combat hunger in the community.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

FOR CITY CLERK USE ONLY

RESOLUTION NO.: 2004-261
DATE ADOPTED: APR 08 2004