

PROCLAMATION

Presented by San Diego County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Dianne Jacob

HONORING Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank

WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of residents is of primary concern for the County of San Diego and on July 13, 2010, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted the *Live Well San Diego* initiative to achieve the County's vision of safe, healthy and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, the *Live Well San Diego* initiative is about uniting all sectors—business, schools, military and veteran's organizations, community- and faith-based organizations, and all levels of government—in order to bring about positive change; and

WHEREAS, the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank provides food for nearly 320,000 people each month, and advocates about hunger issues in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank benefits from the generosity of more than 28,000 volunteers annually that help to sort and distribute donated and purchased food products; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank coordinates the Solving Obesity & Nutritional Disease Affecting Seniors program and the Senior Food Program; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank works in collaboration with the American Red Cross on emergency preparedness initiatives for County of San Diego residents by storing food in the event of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank facilitates a number of employee based services with a focus on mental health, emergency preparedness, tobacco and additional health and wellness policies; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank is an active participant in the North County Food Policy Council; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank is committed to distributing fresh, nutrient dense food and assists other charity partners with decisions on food products provided in their feeding programs; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank continues to approach their food distribution programs with a focus on nutrition policy; and

WHEREAS, County of San Diego Public Health Nurses regularly provide blood pressure screenings, health education and linkage to appropriate community resources for clients during food bank distributions; and

WHEREAS, the Choosing Healthy Options Program and the Farm to Family Program delivered over 7.1 million pounds of fresh, nutritious produce to families in 2014, **NOW THEREFORE;**

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairwoman Jacob and all members of the San Diego Board of Supervisors on this 24th day of September 2014 that they commend the **JACOB AND CUSHMAN SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK** for its outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the health and wellness of county residents, and do hereby declare this day to be the **"JACOB AND CUSHMAN SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO DAY."**