



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

*Ecumenical Hunger Program*  
*On Its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

**WHEREAS**, the **Ecumenical Hunger Program** was founded in 1975, by Miriam Nixon Hope and a group from Church Women United who channeled surplus and donated food to neighborhood pantries where it was then distributed to families in need; and

**WHEREAS**, under the direction of Nevada Butler, **Ecumenical Hunger Program** began providing direct services to families in need in 1981 and it has grown to become the largest direct emergency food provider in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ecumenical Hunger Program** also began addressing other critical needs in the community, distributing clothing, furniture, and household essentials, and providing case management, referrals and other support to those in need in our service area; and

**WHEREAS**, for over four decades, **Ecumenical Hunger Program** has remained a deeply rooted, community-based organization evolving in response to local needs and emerging trends, and sustained entirely through the steadfast support of the community it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ecumenical Hunger Program** continues to serve as a trusted and compassionate resource for residents, fostering resilience through culturally competent services, collaborative partnerships, and a commitment to uplifting those most vulnerable; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 9, 2025, **Ecumenical Hunger Program** will host its 50th Anniversary Blockfest, celebrating five decades of dedicated service to the communities of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, during which it has demonstrated a profound understanding of the complex challenges facing local families, and has responded with innovative, community-driven solutions rooted in dignity and lasting impact; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby honors and congratulates **Ecumenical Hunger Program** on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and extends sincere appreciation for its decades of leadership, service, and community impact.

*Dated: August 9, 2025*



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