

RESOLUTION NO. <sup>2020-</sup>24 OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS OF LAPORTE COUNTY URGING SUPPORT  
FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES AS FOOD INSECURITY ISSUES  
INCREASE IN COUNTY AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, researchers at Northwestern University determined that food insecurity issues in the U.S. doubled in the first few months after the coronavirus arrived, and

WHEREAS, analysis from the hunger relief organization Feeding America projects that more than 50 million Americans will have experienced food insecurity in 2020, up from around 35 million before the pandemic, and

WHEREAS, observation from those running food banks and food pantries in LaPorte County and other Indiana counties is that many of the cars coming through, this pandemic is the first time that many of those seeking assistance have ever needed this type of help, and

WHEREAS, in October 2020, the Indiana Family and Social Services found that food insecurity is the most pressing need among Hoosiers seeking financial help from the state of Indiana, and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the organization Feeding America ranked LaPorte County 11<sup>th</sup> highest county in the state with a food insecurity rate of 15.2 percent meaning that 17,000 of our friends and neighbors - particularly the elderly and children - were food insecure just two years ago, a number that has certainly risen during this year's pandemic, and

WHEREAS, with the holidays upon us, this Commission wants to publicly showcase the outstanding work of local food pantries and food banks and we urge our constituents to assist with donations of food and financial assistance to such and we commit to providing easy-to-access information on our website of local resources that can help with food and critical grocery products,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA THAT WE URGE

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STRONG SUPPORT FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES AND FOOD BANKS IN THIS TIME OF GREAT NEED AS OUR COUNTY CONTINUES TO BATTLE THE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

All of which is resolved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

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Attest:

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