

[MUNICIPALITY] #[X]

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING [MUNICIPALITY]’S COMMITMENT TO ENDING HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION AND ESTABLISHING POLICY TO PROMOTE FOOD ACCESS & FOOD SECURITY FOR ALL

WHEREAS, the nations of the world, including the United States, have pledged themselves to uphold the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to end poverty and hunger entirely by 2030;

WHEREAS, nutrition-related conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure decrease Americans’ lifespans and quality of life, leading to millions of deaths per year and leaving millions more severely ill, disadvantaged, disabled, paralyzed, and cognitively impaired;

WHEREAS, food security and inadequate healthy food access are major contributors to development of various illnesses, and children facing hunger are more likely to experience developmental delay, need to repeat school years, and experience more social and behavioral problems, often contributing to poverty later in life;¹

WHEREAS, in 2017 over 1 in 10 South Floridians were food insecure and did not know where their next meal would come from, and 1 in 5 children in Broward County go to bed hungry each night;²

WHEREAS, policies that increase access to healthy foods, particularly in low-income communities and communities of color, are significantly associated with better eating habits and decreased risk for obesity and nutrition-related diseases;³

WHEREAS, policies for healthy food access and food security can serve as drivers of economic growth and opportunity, engines of job creation, and often can generate social bonds among the community through mechanisms such as community gardens, promoting the economic, social, and physical welfare of all of _____;⁴

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to eliminate food insecurity and ensure that every resident in the City of _____ has access to healthy, fresh foods that are sustainably produced to build toward a future where no child need go hungry, and where all Americans have access to healthy, affordable, fresh, locally made and sustainably produced food;

WHEREAS, the [MUNICIPALITY] has been actively involved in the Food for All Broward Initiative, which is focused on working with Broward County municipalities to expand access to healthy foods for residents of all ages, abilities, cultural and economic backgrounds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE [MUNICIPAL COUNCIL] OF [MUNICIPALITY], that the [MUNICIPALITY] commits wholeheartedly to ensuring that all residents are food secure and have abundant access to healthy foods by 2030, and hereby establishes as official policy that all future [MUNICIPALITY] projects and initiatives shall consider impacts on healthy food access and food security where applicable.

[SAMPLE RESOLUTION OPTIONS – ONE OR MORE MAY BE CONSIDERED]

FURTHER RESOLVED, that [MUNICIPALITY] commits to working with the Food for All Broward Initiative and other partners to implement policy, legislative, and systems changes to help improve access to healthy foods and economic opportunities and thus help prevent hunger and other nutrition-related issues;

FURTHER RESOLVED, [MUNICIPALITY] Planning Department shall consider food security and food access matters as part of its planning process for Comprehensive Plan & Community Investment Plan updates and shall incorporate food security and food access considerations wherever feasible and appropriate.⁵

FURTHER RESOLVED, [MUNICIPALITY] directs the [DEPARTMENT] to recommend policies for increasing government procurement of locally produced foods and access to healthy foods within government buildings and public institutions such as community centers and public schools;

FURTHER RESOLVED, [MUNICIPALITY] shall explore current use of supplemental nutrition assistance programs by its residents, evaluate the efficacy of current efforts to promote such programs, and continue or augment such efforts as needed in order to increase usage of such supplemental programs by eligible residents;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the [MUNICIPAL MANAGER OR OTHER] is directed to present a preliminary report of efforts by the [MUNICIPALITY] to promote food access & security at a [MUNICIPAL COUNCIL] session no later than [DATE].

¹ Feeding America. “Child Hunger Facts.” <https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/child-hunger-facts>

² Feeding South Florida. “Map the Meal Gap 2017: A landmark analysis of food insecurity in the United States.” <https://www.feedingsouthflorida.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Map-the-Meal-Gap-Feeding-South-Florida-2017.pdf>

³ The Food Trust. 2013. “Access to healthy food and why it matters: A review of the research.” http://thefoodtrust.org/uploads/media_items/access-to-healthy-food.original.pdf

⁴ PolicyLink. 2013. “Economic and community development outcomes of healthy food retail.” https://www.policylink.org/sites/default/files/FINAL_HER_ECONOMIC_WHITE_PAPER_FINAL_1%2018%2013.PDF

⁵ Language adapted from San Francisco Resolution No. 447-13. <https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=2768966&GUID=E192D285-534F-43C9-802B-124406F60D65>