

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING DIANA VALADEZ
2025 HUNGER FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Diana Valadez will be honored as a Hunger Fighter of the Year by Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County on March 6, 2025, in recognition of her extraordinary and continued contributions to the nutrition and health of her community, and upon this occasion, she is deserving of special public commendations; and

WHEREAS, for the past seven years, Diana Valadez has been a dedicated volunteer, organizing food distributions for food-insecure families in her community; and

WHEREAS, inspired by a conversation with her child's principal at Live Oak Elementary, Diana partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County to create a program that now serves 100–120 families twice a month, including approximately 70% families, 20% seniors, and some of our unhoused neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Diana has led over 170 distributions, volunteered over 500 hours, and helped distribute more than 400,000 pounds of food, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to hunger relief; and

WHEREAS, despite challenges, Diana's upbringing drives her dedication, believing that no one should go to bed hungry; and

WHEREAS, Diana's leadership, compassion, and tireless efforts have made a profound impact on countless individuals, ensuring access to nutritious food and fostering a stronger, more resilient community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, commend Diana Valadez for her extraordinary service and dedication to combating hunger, and join with the community in honoring her as Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County's 2025 Hunger Fighter of the Year.




Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

March 6, 2025

Date