

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 2019 AS  
CAPITAL REGION FOOD PROGRAM MONTH**

*In the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen*

**WHEREAS**, the Capital Region Food Program is an all volunteer, non-profit organization established in 1974 because of the grave problem of hunger in the Greater Concord area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Capital Region Food Program marks its forty-sixth consecutive year in providing food for the hungry; and

**WHEREAS**, it has grown from an annual food basket project originally helping less than 100 families to now assisting over 2,100 families at the holidays; and

**WHEREAS**, refinements in the project are a perpetual undertaking; originally in 1974 the baskets provided enough food for the Christmas holidays alone, but since then, dietary restrictions and infant needs are now taken into consideration, as are storage and refrigeration restrictions, and the baskets now sustain recipients for several days to up to three weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, the program has expanded operations to include year-round distribution to area food pantries and soup kitchens supporting their great work, which is accomplished by purchasing and distributing, at no cost to the participating agencies, enough food to provide over 5,900 meals per month; and

**WHEREAS**, again this year the City Human Services Department, the Concord business community, the New Hampshire National Guard, the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, and many other fine organizations have joined together to serve those less fortunate than ourselves; and

**WHEREAS**, the response of past years has been unmatched not only in the generosity of monetary donations, but the commitment in working together, resulting in a truly community-wide endeavor; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of this all volunteer organization has resulted in over 3300 tons of food having been distributed to the hunger insecure in Concord and surrounding 17 communities over the past 45 years with items purchased valued in excess of \$3,200,000. In addition, CRFP has redistributed donated food items with a value estimated at \$1,600,000; the combined value of purchased and donated food exceeds \$4,800,000; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the month of December be designated Capital Region Food Program Month in the City of Concord; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that our community be encouraged to participate, contribute and support the Capital Region Food Program now and throughout the year.