

A RESOLUTION declaring January 7, 2016, to be Kentucky Food Bank Day.

WHEREAS, more than 600,000 individuals in Kentucky rely on food provided by members of the Kentucky Association of Food Banks, Dare to Care Food Bank, Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland, Freestore Food Bank, God's Pantry Food Bank, Huntington Area Food Bank, Purchase Area Development District Food Bank, and Tri-State Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, last year, members of the Kentucky Association of Food Banks distributed 52,000,000 meals to Kentuckians through its network of more than 800 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, farmers are offered a new market for surplus and Number 2 grade fruits and vegetables by selling them to the Kentucky Association of Food Banks; and

WHEREAS, the Farms to Food Banks Program increases access to healthy food among hungry Kentuckians while reducing the amount of wasted food by paying farmers for produce that would not be sold otherwise and distributing it through the food bank network; and

WHEREAS, as of January 2014, state income tax payers can donate a portion of their tax refund to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Farm to Food Banks Trust Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. This honorable body declares January 7, 2016, to be Kentucky Food Bank Day.