

1 not have a consistent source of healthy, nutritious food; and

2 Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan represents regional
3 food banks that serve all 83 counties in Michigan; and

4 Whereas, Michigan food banks distribute food and resources to
5 direct service agencies including pantries, after school programs,
6 and senior centers; and

7 Whereas, These food banks coordinate outreach and educational
8 programs throughout the year to promote healthy and responsible
9 choices that affect hunger; and

10 Whereas, Michigan food banks organize the surplus donations
11 from Michigan farmers in order to make available fresh, nutritious
12 produce into the emergency food system; and

13 Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan also coordinates
14 the statewide food and fund drive, also known as the Michigan
15 Harvest Gathering, which has secured nearly 79 million meals since
16 1991; and

17 Whereas, Michigan food banks are committed to increasing
18 access to nutritious food through programs and food distribution
19 services; and

20 Whereas, The Food Bank Council of Michigan advocates for
21 policy in support of food security for all Michigan residents; and

22 Whereas, The state of Michigan can be proud to encourage the
23 collaborative and innovative strategies which bring food security
24 to families, individuals, and communities that are desperately in
25 need of support; now, therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the Senate, That we commemorate March 20, 2019, as
27 Hunger Solutions Day.