

PROCLAMATION

presented for

National Hunger Awareness Day

June 3, 2004

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Whereas, National Hunger Awareness Day was created in 2002 with an increase in the number of Americans unable to feed themselves and their families; and

Whereas, In December 2003, the number of unemployed persons was 8.4 million or 5.7% of all Americans and 11.1% of United States households were food insecure sometime during the year; and

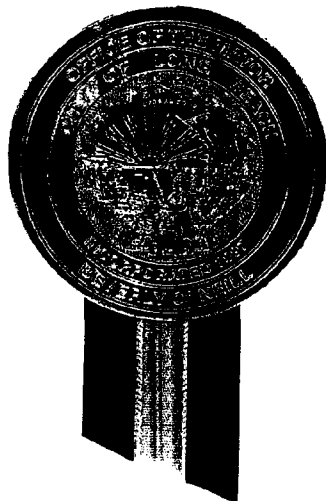
Whereas, 4 million people in California are eligible for food stamp assistance based on their poverty level; and

Whereas, 584,000 Los Angeles County residents experience hunger each year; and 1.4 million Los Angeles County residents rely on local food pantries and soup kitchens to feed themselves and their families; and

Whereas, the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services funds Christian Outreach Appeal through the Social Services Grant Program and Food Finders, Inc. through the Social Services Grant Program and the Mayor's Fund for the Homeless and these agencies assist in feeding the hungry; and

Whereas, on June 3, 2004, communities across the country will unite to focus attention on the persistent problem of domestic hunger;

Now, Therefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2004 as National Hunger Awareness Day in Long Beach, California.



Beverly O'Neill
MAYOR

Dated: June 1, 2004