TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) operates the weekly Benton Harbor Farmers Market during the growing season each year with a goal of increasing residents’ fruit and vegetable consumption, especially among lower income households; and

WHEREAS, BCHD has provided eligible Benton Harbor Farmers Market patrons with the opportunity to maximize their SNAP benefits spending potential through the matching program, Double Up Food Bucks, facilitated by the Fair Food Network; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Food Network has awarded BCHD grant funds to continue providing the Double Up Food Bucks program at the Benton Harbor Farmers Market in 2020; and

WHEREAS, funding for this grant agreement is in the amount of $1000; $10 are carried over from 2019 program year with a grand total of $1,010 available for the time period of April 1, 2020 through December 31st, 2020 to be used to match purchases made by customers at the Benton Harbor Farmers Market who are purchasing items using their SNAP benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health endorses this contract agreement, pending review and approval by the Interim Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the agreement with the Fair Food Network and authorizes the BCHD Health Officer to electronically sign on its behalf.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

William J Chickering, Chairman

David Vollrath, Vice-Chairman

Teri Sue Freehling

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM

Administrator

Date 3/26/20

Comments Attached

Corporate Counsel

Date

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