

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 17, 2019**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY**

**Introduced by Commissioner Rob Piercefield**

Commissioner Piercefield moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Mulder.

**WHEREAS**, the Helping Hands Food Pantry has been serving those in need in Eaton County for the past 36 years; and

**WHEREAS**, last year alone the Helping Hands Food Pantry served nearly 6,000 people including, and distributed 565,000 pounds of food (450,000 meals); and

**WHEREAS**, about 37% of Helping Hands services go to children, 40% to disabled and 13% to elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization is embarking on an effort to replace their 100 year-old building with a new facility in Charlotte; and

**WHEREAS**, the poverty rate in Charlotte and areas within the 48813 zip code has the second highest poverty rate in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, we are blessed to have an organization that cares about the county's most vulnerable citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of this outstanding organization and their efforts to open its new facility and encourages the citizens of Eaton County to support them as well. Carried.