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Resolution: Regarding Food Insecurity in the United States

Whereas many food assistance programs in the United States (e.g., school nutrition programs, food banks, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and commodity assistance to senior citizens) receive federal funding and are administered through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and

Whereas, according to the most recent USDA statistics (2024), 13.7% (18.3 million) of U.S. households experienced food insecurity at some time during the year [1], and

Whereas 14.1million children lived in food-insecure households [1], and

Whereas, according to USDA statistics on the prevalence of food insecurity from 2022 – 2024, the average for food insecurity at the state level was 13.3%. Twenty-nine states reported levels of food insecurity of 13.3%. Five states—Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana—exceeded the state average of 13.3% [1], and

Whereas the USDA reported an increase in FY 2024 of 41.7 million individuals in 22.2 million households that participated in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) with monthly benefits averaging \$187.17 per individual and \$351.49 per household [2], and

Whereas the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” (H.R. 1, P.L. 119-21), signed in July 2025, reduces federal funding of SNAP and other nutrition programs by \$186 billion - \$300 billion over the next 10 years and asks states to pay 5 – 15% of benefit costs beginning in 2027 [2], and

Whereas, the Congressional Budget Office estimates H.R. 1 will result in cuts to SNAP of nearly \$187 billion, a 20% cut, and that in a typical month, more than 2.4 million people will be cut from the program; they estimate that 4 million people fell off SNAP when the bill was signed in July 2025 [3], and

Whereas, several Congressional Representatives have proposed legislation that would affect school and summer child nutrition programs:

- The Feed Hungry Kids Act (HB 5128), a bipartisan bill that would lower the minimum identified student percentage for universal meal service in high poverty areas to 25% [4]
- The Stop Child Hunger Act of 2025 (HR 3217/SB 1622), which would expand the summer EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) program for children to include benefit transfers during school closures [5]
- The No Hungry Kids in Schools Act (HR 2042), which would allow states to expand access to free school meals by establishing a statewide CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) to offer free meals to all students, regardless of income [6],

Be it resolved that the Delta Kappa Gamma U.S. Forum encourages Delta Kappa Gamma members, local chapters, and state organizations to:

1. Research child nutrition and food assistance programs in their local and state communities to determine their impact on hunger, and
2. Study proposed federal and state legislation concerning the creation and/or funding of child nutrition and food assistance programs to determine the potential effect on meeting hunger needs, and
3. Communicate their views and research findings to members of Congress, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, members of their state legislature, other government officials, local and state organizations and agencies, and community members as appropriate, and
4. Request that Congress authorize a detailed bi-partisan research study on the effects of the funding cuts enacted by the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” (P.L. 119-21).

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