

RESOLUTION

Board of Hennepin County Commissioners

RESOLUTION: 25-0137

At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners, a motion was made by Commissioner Goettel, and seconded by Commissioner Fernando, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion passed.

WHEREAS, forty percent of all food grown and produced in the U.S. is wasted; food waste makes up to 20 percent of trash; and up to two-thirds of wasted food could have been eaten; and

WHEREAS, preventing food waste is one of the foundational strategies of the county's Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, preventing food waste by rescuing edible food increases food security and reduces disparities in health; and

WHEREAS, preventing food waste is one of the highest impact zero-waste actions identified in the county's plan to reinvent the solid waste system; and

WHEREAS, the county is developing a first of its kind Wasted Food Prevention Plan, because it focuses solely on preventing wasted food, rather than relying on composting to divert food from the trash; and

WHEREAS; Hennepin County's Wasted Food Prevention Plan sets an ambitious food waste prevention target - Cut discarded edible food in half; and

WHEREAS; the county's plan aligns with the state's hierarchy for food waste, which prioritizes reducing the amount generated at the source and upcycling or donating; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County will advance programs, policies and partnerships to cut wasted food in homes, schools, and businesses, as well as support the food rescue system.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners proclaims April 7 -13, 2025, as Food Waste Prevention Week and encourages all residents to commit to reducing food waste in their homes, workplaces, and communities.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 3/25/2025

The question was on the adoption of the resolution with the votes as follows:

Aye: 7 Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

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