

PROCLAMATION

**September 2021 as Hunger Action Month**

WHEREAS, hunger, food and nutritional insecurity and poverty are issues of vital concern in California where over 4 million people face hunger and one in every 7 children do not know where their next meal will come from;

WHEREAS, more than five hundred thousand individuals in Orange County rely on food provided by the CAPOC/OC Orange County Food Bank, Second Harvest Food Bank and Abound Food Care annually;

WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has had devastating health and economic impacts across the country, and it is projected that hundreds of thousands people could face continued hunger and food insecurity in Orange County in the wake of the pandemic this year;

WHEREAS, Orange County Hunger Alliance has distributed more than 165 million pounds of food since the start of the pandemic through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations;

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated "Hunger Action Month" in order to bring attention to food insecurity and to engage the public in action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to ensure no one has to make an impossible choice between food and other necessities like medicine, utilities or childcare; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including the members of the California Association of Food Banks will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger and food insecurity.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Garden Grove City Council does hereby recognize September 2021, as HUNGER ACTION MONTH in the City of Garden Grove and hereby calls this observance to the attention of our residents.