

PROCLAMATION

September 2022 as Hunger Action Month

WHEREAS, hunger, poverty, and food and nutritional insecurity are issues of vital concern in California where 20% of Californians face food insecurity on a daily basis and one in every six children do not know where their next meal will come from;

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove of California is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources that those in City of Garden Grove need;

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove of California is committed to working with the Orange County Hunger Alliance in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues;

WHEREAS, more than eight hundred thousand individuals in Orange County on average rely on food provided by the CAPOC/Orange County Food Bank, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County and Abound Food Care monthly;

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 along with the increasing cost of living this year;

WHEREAS, the above named members of the Orange County Hunger Alliance have distributed more than 82 million pounds of food in the last year 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 in our communities and to enlist the public in the fight to end hunger by taking action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares and donations – to ensure nobody 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 in their local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Garden Grove City Council does hereby recognize September 2022, as HUNGER ACTION MONTH in the City of Garden Grove and hereby calls this observance to the attention of our residents.

August 23, 2022