

Proclamation
Hunger Action Month

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in California, where 10.5 percent of Californians face food insecurity on a daily basis and one in every seven California children do not know where their next meal will come from; and

WHEREAS, everyone needs nutritious food to thrive, and people are working hard to provide for themselves and their families—yet over 267,000 individuals, including over 64,000 children, here in Orange County are food insecure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove is committed to working with Abound Food Care, Orange County Food Bank, and Second Harvest Food Bank, collectively known as the Orange County Hunger Alliance by raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, in the first half of 2023, Orange County Food Bank and Second Harvest Food Bank have collectively distributed 33,661,205 million pounds of food through its partner network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, senior centers, schools, colleges, universities, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, in the first half of 2023, Abound Food Care has recovered 307,430 pounds of food, reducing food waste and diverting that food to those who need it; and

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 movement to end hunger by taking action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to ensure every community, and everybody in it, has the food they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS, food banks and other organizations across the country, including the members of the Orange County Hunger Alliance will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end food insecurity in our local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Garden Grove City Council do hereby recognize September 2023 as HUNGER ACTION MONTH in Garden Grove, and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

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