



# *Proclamation*

## **HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

**September 2021**

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

**WHEREAS**, the County of Orange is committed to working with the Orange County Hunger Alliance, educating people about the importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; also taking steps to combat hunger and provide additional resources; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 500,000 individuals in Orange County rely on food provided by the CAPOC/OC Orange County Food Banks, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Abound Food Care annually and have 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 organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the coronavirus pandemic has had devastating health and economic impacts across the country, and it is projected that hundreds of thousands of people could face continued hunger and food insecurity in Orange County in the wake of the pandemic this year; 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 engage the public in 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, I**, Tri Ta, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor Chi Charlie Nguyen, and Council Members Tai Do, Kimberly Ho, and Carlos Manzo, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in the City of Westminster and encourage all to learn about the importance of addressing hunger and taking part in combatting hunger in our community.

DATE: August 25, 2021

  
Tri Ta, Mayor