



Proclamation

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

September 2023

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in California, where 10.5% 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, in the first half of 2023, Orange County Food Bank and Second Harvest Food Bank collectively recorded an average of 888,057 food distribution visits per month from our neighbors facing food insecurity; 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, the City of Westminster of California 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, in educating people about the role and importance of food banks and food care in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor NamQuan Nguyen, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo and Kimberly Ho, do hereby proclaim September 2023, as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in the City of Westminster and urge to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and 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.

Signed and Dated this 16th day of August 2023 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

NamQuan Nguyen, Vice Mayor, District 4

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

Kimberly Ho, Council Member, District 3