



Proclamation

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2024

WHEREAS, everyone needs nutritious food to thrive, and people are working hard to provide for themselves and their families – yet over 330,000 individuals, including over 85,000 children, here in Orange County are food insecure; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Westminster is committed to working with 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; and

WHEREAS, in the first half of 2024, Orange County Food Bank and Second Harvest Food Bank collectively recorded an average of 806,985 individual food distribution visits per month from our neighbors facing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, in the first half of 2024, Orange County Food Bank and Second Harvest Food Bank have collectively distributed 29,588,278 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, Abound Food Care helps to facilitate the recovery over 25 million pounds of excess edible food in Orange county each year, 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 volunteering, donating, and advocating – to ensure every community, and everybody in it, has the food they need to thrive; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor Kimberly Ho, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo, and NamQuan Nguyen do hereby proclaim September 2024 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 11th day of September 2024 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

Kimberly Ho, Vice Mayor, District 3

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

NamQuan Nguyen, Council Member, District 4