



Friday, September 17, 2021
Hunger Action Day in the City of Fredericksburg

Whereas, the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank is the Feeding America network food bank charged with serving the entirety of Planning District 16 through partnerships with schools, as well as community, civic, and faith-based organizations engaged in hunger relief efforts throughout the region; and

Whereas, to that end, annually, the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank distributes enough food to provide in excess of 4.25 million meals to residents in need within the region; and

Whereas, the target audience of the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank's distribution efforts are those who are deemed food insecure, meaning they lack the self-sufficiency to self-provide adequate nutrition to live a healthy and active lifestyle; and

Whereas, in the City of Fredericksburg, an estimated 3,950 residents are affected by food insecurity, equating to approximately 1 in 7 community members, including approximately 1 in 6 children. Because of the significant challenge our community faces in addressing food insecurity, it is important that awareness of the magnitude of the issue be highlighted and people encouraged to take action to address hunger in our midst; and

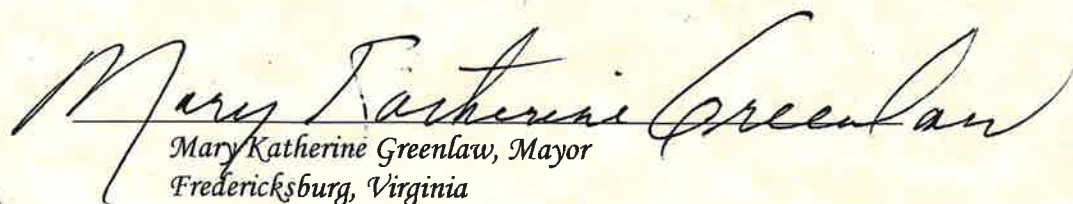
Whereas, the Feeding America network observes September each year as Hunger Action Month to encourage national and local awareness of domestic hunger and to promote opportunities for community engagement around the issue of hunger. A single day is also designated each year as national Hunger Action Day. This year, that date is Friday, September 17; and

Whereas, we ask for the City's assistance in creating greater community awareness of Friday, September 17 as Hunger Action Day and to use its credibility to encourage citizens to carry on the spirit of Hunger Action Day by donating time through volunteerism and by donating funds that can advance operational activities in support of the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank and other hunger fighting partners engaged in improving food access for those in need; and

Whereas, because the Feeding America network uses the color orange as its signature color to highlight the issue of hunger, we ask the City to encourage symbolic unity with the cause of Hunger Action by inviting city employees and/or residents to dress in orange or to accessorize with an orange feature on Friday, September 17 to show our community's solidarity in support of those facing food insecurity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize September 17th, 2021 as:

HUNGER ACTION DAY


Mary Katherine Greenlaw, Mayor
Fredericksburg, Virginia

