

WHEREAS,	hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Larimer County where 9% of people face hunger; and
WHEREAS,	everyone needs nutritious food to thrive, and in every community in America, people are working hard to provide for themselves and their families—yet in 2021, 34 million people (1 in 10), including 9 million children (1 in 8), faced food insecurity in the U.S.; and
WHEREAS,	Loveland is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources those in Loveland need; and
WHEREAS,	Loveland is committed to working with the Food Bank for Larimer County, a member of the Feeding America® nationwide network of food banks, in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and
WHEREAS,	more than 40,000 individuals in Larimer County rely on food provided by Food Bank for Larimer County hunger-relief programs and partners annually; and
WHEREAS,	Food Bank for Larimer County distributed enough food for more than 8 million meals in 2022 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; 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.
WHEREAS,	food banks across the country, including the Food Bank for Larimer County, will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community.
NOW, THEREF	ORE, we, the City Council of Loveland, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as
	HUNGER ACTION MONTH
in the City of Lov	veland, and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.
Signed this 12 d	ay of September, 2023.

Jacki Marsh

Mayor