

2024 Hunger Action Month Proclamation Template

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Larimer County where nearly 40,000 people face hunger, including more than 7,900 children

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 2022, 44 million people—1 in 7—including more than 13 million children—1 in 5—faced food insecurity in the U.S.

WHEREAS, the city of Fort Collins is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources that those in Larimer County need; and

WHEREAS, the city of Fort Collins is committed to working with the Food Bank for Larimer, 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, 40,000 individuals in Larimer County rely on food provided by the members of the Food Bank for Larimer County annually; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Food Bank for Larimer County distributed enough food for 8.2 million meals in 2023 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 members of 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, THERFORE, I, Mayor Jeni Arndt do hereby recognize September 2024, as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in Loveland, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

SIGNATURE	DATE