

PROCLAMATION

Honoring Hunger Action Month

WHEREAS, addressing the food insecurity needs of children, youth, men, women, seniors, active military and veterans today is fundamental for the future of the City of Laramie; and,

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Albany County where 13.3% of people struggle with hunger, not knowing where their next meal will come from, or choosing between food and utilities, housing or medicine; and,

WHEREAS, the need for comprehensive, coordinated emergency food programs place upon our community a critical responsibility; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie is committed to combating hunger in every part of our community and providing additional resources to those in need; and,

WHEREAS, it is our responsibility as citizens of Laramie to learn about hunger and to do our part in reducing that hunger; and,

WHEREAS, Laramie partners with Food Bank of Wyoming, a member of the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks and their local partner Laramie Soup Kitchen to educate people about the important role of hunger relief organizations raising awareness for the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger and food insecurity issues; and,

WHEREAS, more than 1079 residents of Albany County rely, annually, on food provided by Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies and their local partners; and

WHEREAS, Food Bank of Wyoming, its generous funders, volunteers and local partner agencies are committed to educating citizens on the role of food banks and hunger-relief efforts in solving hunger; and

WHEREAS, Food Bank of Wyoming provides over 10.9 million meals across Wyoming annually; and to engage each of us to help end hunger, one meal at a time, either through donations, social media shares or volunteer shifts; and

WHEREAS, the month of September is designated "Hunger Action Month" in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Paul Weaver, acting as Mayor and President of the governing body of the City of Laramie, Wyoming do hereby proclaim September 2021, as

Hunger Action Month

and encourage all citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of food insecurity and how it impacts our nation, state, county and communities.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City to be affixed this 17th day of August in 2021.

Paul Weaver
Mayor and President of Laramie City Council

Attest:

Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk