

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Hunger Action Month is a national campaign that reminds us that there are those who need the help of kind souls with open hands, and there are more than enough resources in the world for us all to eat; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Albany partners with the New Albany Food Pantry and is committed to helping them raise awareness that food insecurity is everywhere and suburban poverty is on the rise; and

WHEREAS, for every dollar donated, the New Albany Food Pantry can purchase \$9 worth of groceries; the Pantry can always use donations of cereal, canned foods – like tomatoes, beans, and potatoes, and household items – like laundry detergent and shampoo; and welcomes volunteers, too; and

WHEREAS, since mid-March of 2020, the New Albany Food Pantry has served 107 new families; many of these first time families had never been served by a food pantry before, but due to COVID-19, they needed some extra help; and

WHEREAS, New Albany citizens can "Get Social" and raise awareness of food insecurity by using the hashtag #HungerActionMonth and telling friends and family what they are doing to fight hunger.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of the Council and residents do hereby proclaim the month of September as:

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

in the City of New Albany, Ohio.