



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 Healthy New Albany Food Pantry and is committed to helping them raise awareness that food insecurity exists in some of our neighborhoods and is on the rise; and

WHEREAS, this year the Healthy New Albany Food Pantry Summer Meals Program provided 35% more meals to 20% more students in need compared to the summer of 2023; and by partnering with The Garden for All more produce was distributed to families this year; and

WHEREAS, for every dollar donated, the Healthy New Albany Food Pantry is able to purchase nearly \$5.00 worth of groceries/supplies from the Mid-Ohio Food Collective; and the pantry accepts personal care items and paper products, including shampoo, body lotion and paper towel throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the New Albany community continues to help raise awareness of food insecurity through food drives, partnerships, collections within the schools, and spreading the word about what they are doing to help our neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, you can participate in Hunger Action Month by educating others about hunger in your community, starting a fundraiser, volunteering your time at the local food pantry, and by donating to neighborhood pantries including the Healthy New Albany Food Pantry.

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.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 3rd day of September, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sloan T. Spalding", is written over a horizontal line.

Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor