



A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Hunger Action Month is a national campaign that brings people across the country together to end hunger in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Albany partners with the Healthy New Albany Food Pantry and is committed to helping raise awareness that food insecurity exists and is on the rise in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy New Albany Food Pantry is committed to ensuring that individuals and families throughout New Albany and the New Albany-Plain Local School District have reliable access to nutritious food and personal care items, currently serving over 400 families in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy New Albany Food Pantry's ability to provide nutritious food and essential resources to neighbors in need is made possible through its partnership with The Garden for All and the generosity of individuals, businesses, schools, faith communities, and civic organizations that support its mission through financial contributions, donations of food and personal care items, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, The Garden for All's 300+ volunteers work on 3.3 acres in New Albany and Johnstown and The Garden for All is anticipating producing 50,000 pounds of fresh produce in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the New Albany community continues to help eliminate food insecurity through food drives, partnerships, and collections throughout the community, and by spreading the word about what they are doing to help our neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, you can participate in Hunger Action Month by hosting a food drive, donating funds, and volunteering your time at an organization actively fighting food insecurity - such as the Healthy New Albany Food Pantry and The Garden For All.

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 1st day of September, 2026.

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

Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor