

Hunger Action Month

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in California, where 10.5% of Californians face food insecurity on a daily basis and one in every seven California children do not know where their next meal will come from; and,

WHEREAS, everyone needs nutritious food to thrive, and people are working hard to provide for themselves and their families—yet more than 267,000 individuals, including over 64,000 children, in Orange County are food insecure; and,

WHEREAS, the City of La Habra is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources that those in La Habra need; and,

WHEREAS, the City of La Habra is committed to working with Abound Food Care, Orange County Food Bank, and Second Harvest Food Bank, collectively known as the Orange County Hunger Alliance, in educating people about the role and importance of food banks and food care in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and,

WHEREAS, in the first half of 2023, Orange County Food Bank and Second Harvest Food Bank collectively recorded an average of 888,057 food distribution visits per month from our neighbors facing food insecurity; and,

WHEREAS, in the first half of 2023, Orange County Food Bank and Second Harvest Food Bank have collectively distributed 33,661,205 million pounds of food through its partner network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, senior centers, schools, colleges, universities, 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 has the food they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS, food banks and other organizations across the country, including the members of the Orange County Hunger Alliance (Abound Food Care, Orange County Food Bank, and Second Harvest Food Bank) will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end food insecurity in our local community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of La Habra does hereby recognize the month of September 2023 as Hunger Action Month.

DATED this 21st day of August, 2023.

James Gomez
Mayor

Attest: Rhonda J. Barone, CMC
City Clerk