

Hunger Action Month

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in California, where one in five Californians face food insecurity on a daily basis and 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 over 330,000 individuals, including over 85,000 children, here 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 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 2024, Orange County Food Bank and Second Harvest Food Bank collectively recorded an average of 806,985 individual food distribution visits per month from our neighbors facing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, in the first half of 2024, Orange County Food Bank and Second Harvest Food Bank have collectively distributed 29,588,278 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, Abound Food Care helps to facilitate the recovery of over 25 million pounds of excess edible food in Orange county each year, reducing food waste and diverting that food to those who need it; 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 volunteering, donating, and advocating – to ensure every community, and everybody in it, 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, 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 2024 as “Hunger Action Month” in the City of La Habra.

DATED this 19th day of August, 2024.

Daren Nigsarian
Mayor

Attest: Rhonda J. Barone, CMC
City Clerk