



# *Proclamation*

## **HUNGER ACTION MONTH September 2024**

OFFICE OF THE  
MAYOR  
CITY OF SAN LUIS

**WHEREAS**, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Arizona where 13% of people face hunger in Arizona, and one in every five children do not know where their next meal will come from; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone needs nutritious food to thrive, and in every community in America, people are working hard to provide for themselves and their families—yet in 2022, 44 million people - 1 in 7 - including more than 13 million children - 1 in 5 - faced food insecurity in the U.S. That 38,510 in Yuma, County, Arizona and 3,110 in La Paz, County, Arizona, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Luis, Arizona, is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources that those in Yuma, County need; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Luis, Arizona, is devoted to working with the Yuma Community Food Bank, a member of the Feeding America® nationwide network of food banks, in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 374,000 individuals in Yuma and La Paz County rely on food provided by the members of the Yuma Community Food Bank annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of Yuma Community Food Bank distributed more than 6,000,000 meals to 137,815 households in 2023 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, 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, and everybody in it, has the food they need to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, food banks across the country, including the members of the Yuma Community Food Bank – will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, I, Nieves Riedel, Mayor of the City of San Luis, do hereby proclaim September 2024, as “**Hunger Action Month**”, in the City of San Luis, Arizona, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

**DATED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2024.

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Nieves Riedel, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk