



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September is recognized as Hunger Action Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about food insecurity and mobilizing communities to take action to end hunger; and

WHEREAS, in Pinellas County, approximately 11% of residents experience food insecurity, with nearly 140,000 individuals struggling to access sufficient, nutritious food on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity impacts our community's health, well-being, and economic stability, affecting children, seniors, and families alike; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to acknowledge the hard work of local organizations, such as Hope Villages, who is committed to alleviating hunger and providing critical support to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Hope Villages distributes nearly 6 Million pounds of food throughout Pinellas County each year, and provided food to nearly 500 Seminole area residents; and

WHEREAS, collective efforts to combat food insecurity through education, advocacy, and community involvement can make a significant difference in the lives of those affected;

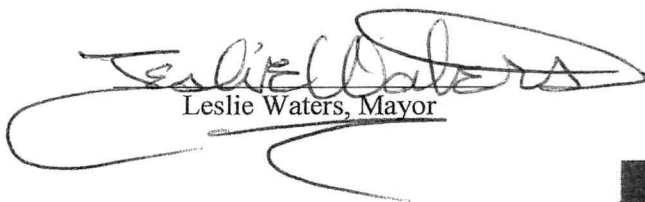
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, by virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida, do hereby Proclaim this month of September 2024, as

"HUNGER ACTION MONTH"

During this month, let us unite in our efforts to raise awareness about the issue of food insecurity in our community. I encourage all residents to participate in local initiatives, such as food drives, fundraising events, and volunteer opportunities, to support our community's fight against hunger. By working together, we can foster a community where everyone has access to the nutritious food they need to thrive.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 27th Day of August 2024.




Leslie Waters, Mayor