



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** The lack of consistent access to nutritious and adequate amounts of food poses a life-threatening challenge to many members of our community; and

**WHEREAS:** One in nine people, and one in seven children, within Northeast Florida are food insecure, equating to 265,000 people; and

**WHEREAS:** Hunger and food insecurity affect every aspect of an individual's life, and everyone deserves to have access to affordable and healthy foods; and

**WHEREAS:** Feeding Northeast Florida has led the fight to combat hunger and food insecurity in our community. They play a crucial role in coordinating with schools, churches, soup kitchens, community organizations, and individuals to help support and advocate for individuals facing these issues; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2022, Feeding Northeast Florida worked alongside over 300 agency partners to provide over 28 million pounds of food to those in need; and

**WHEREAS:** We all must continue working together to support those facing hunger and food insecurity within our community; and

**WHEREAS:** Hunger Action Month and Hunger Action Day serve to raise awareness of the issue of hunger in the Jacksonville community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2023 as

## HUNGER ACTION DAY

In Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to stand in the gap for those facing hunger by wearing the color orange, signing up to volunteer, and advocating and donating to support Feeding Northeast Florida's work to fight hunger in the community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 11th Day of Sep. in the year  
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA