



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

## AGENDA ITEM

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### **BACKGROUND**

Minnesota FoodShare Month is a long-standing statewide initiative in which charitable organizations work to combat food insecurity and prepare for increased demand in the months ahead. In 2025, the Lakes Area Food Shelf served 1,333 families in the Brainerd Lakes Area and rescued 110,048 pounds of food from local grocery and convenience stores.

### **OVERVIEW**

In 2024, the City of Breezy Point proclaimed March as Minnesota FoodShare Month. Council Member Jensen has worked with staff to bring this proclamation forward again for March 2026.

To support the proclamation and coordinate with the Lakes Area Food Shelf, City Hall will serve as a drop-off location for donations of non-perishable food items throughout the month of March. In addition, the City will help raise awareness by sharing information on how residents can support FoodShare Month through the City's social media platforms.

The City's past FoodShare donation totals include:

- 2023: 194 pounds
- 2024: 669 pounds
- 2025: 206 pounds
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Staff will report the total amount donated following the conclusion of FoodShare Month in March.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Proclaim FoodShare Month from March 1-April 6, 2026.