



PROCLAMATION

October 2026: Hunger Action Month

In Minnesota food banks and food shelves have experienced a significant increase in demand, with food shelves seeing a record number of visits. Food shelves served a record 9 million visits in 2025, more than 2.5 times the visits recorded in 2019.

To help support those in need, the Food Group and Partners to End Hunger Coalition secured \$5 million in one-time funding for food shelves (on top of \$4.6 million already allocated) and \$5 million in one-time funding for food banks.

Minnesota is committed to addressing hunger today and preventing it tomorrow. Working closely with food banks to educate the public and advocate for policies that end hunger in our state.

We also sincerely appreciate the efforts of faith communities and organizations like Second Harvest Heartland, SACA, Meals on Wheels, and Every Meal backpack program. Their work inspires hope and reminds us of our shared responsibility to care for one another.

During Hunger Action Month, I encourage everyone to volunteer, donate, and support these vital efforts. Together, we can ensure no one in our community goes hungry.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October 2026 to be Hunger Action Month in the City of Columbia Heights.

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor
October 13, 2026