



## Office of the Mayor City of Jackson, Missouri Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Missouri where 15.4% of people face hunger in Missouri and one in every 5 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 2023, 47 million people, including 14 million children faced food insecurity in the U.S. That includes 63,790 food insecure individuals in Southeast Missouri; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Jackson is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources that those in Jackson need; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 12,500 individuals in Cape Girardeau County rely on food provided by Southeast Missouri Food Bank and its network of partners annually; and
- WHEREAS:** Southeast Missouri Food Bank distributed nearly 2.2 million pounds of food in Cape Girardeau County in 2024 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.
- WHEREAS:** food banks across the country, including Southeast Missouri Food Bank, will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Dwain L. Hahs, Mayor of the City of Jackson, do hereby recognize September 2025, as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** and September 9, 2025 as **HUNGER ACTION DAY** in the City of Jackson, Missouri, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Jackson, Missouri, this second day of September, 2025.

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**Mayor Dwain L. Hahs**

