

City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, Hunger Action Month is observed in the United States in the month of September, and the City engages in food security efforts for its residents via programing at the Department of Youth and Family Services (YFS).

Mercer Island is not immune from the economic pressures and changing landscape of regional and national support services that can increase food insecurity among its most vulnerable residents.

In recognition of the importance of stable nutrition to the general well-being of a community, YFS offers food security programs in the community including a Mobile Market, individualized case management for food insecure families and seniors, and referrals for large families, those with mobility issues, and those with dietary restrictions.

YFS food security efforts include critical partnerships with local entities also committed to ending food local insecurity including the Mercer Island Farmer's Market and the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation.

All Islanders have a role to play in supporting basic food security in the community. Hunger Action Month calls upon the residents of Mercer Island to join efforts throughout the month of September to raise awareness about food insecurity and consider supporting local food security efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

APPROVED, this 2nd day of September 2025.

Mayor Salim Nice



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