



City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, Hunger Action Day is observed in the United States and the Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry is observed across King County on September 23, and a unique community collaboration No Islander Goes Hungry has formed on Mercer Island to support food security efforts by the City's Department of Youth and Family Services (YFS).

Mercer Island is not immune from the economic pressure of inflation and the COVID-19 pandemic that have increased levels of food insecurity among its most vulnerable residents. Through July 2023, utilization of the YFS food assistance program has increased approximately 40% over the same period in 2022.

In recognition of the importance of stable nutrition to the general well-being of a community, the following organizations have joined together to raise awareness and funds to support food security on Mercer Island by creating No Islander Goes Hungry Day: the MIYFS Foundation, Mercer Island Rotary Foundation, MI Farmers Market, MI Community Fund, and MI Chamber of Commerce.

All Islanders have a role to play in supporting basic food security in the community. No Islander Goes Hungry Day highlights the community spirit of giving and calls upon the residents of Mercer Island to join efforts throughout the month of September, and specifically on the 23rd, to support YFS food security efforts and help ensure no Islander goes hungry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2023, as

NO ISLANDER GOES HUNGRY DAY

on Mercer Island and encourage Mercer Islanders to support the Together NIGH community effort by donating to support YFS food security efforts.

APPROVED, this 5th day of September 2023.

Mayor Salim Nice

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