



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 via programming at the Department of Youth and Family Services (YFS).

Mercer Island is not immune from the economic pressure of inflation and the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic that have increased levels of food insecurity among its most vulnerable residents.

In recognition of the importance of stable nutrition to the general well-being of a community, YFS, with support from their partners Mercer Island Farmer's Market and the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Foundation, offer food security programs in the community including a Mobile Market, individualized case management for food insecure families, and referrals for large families and/or those with mobility issues to access food.

All Islanders have a role to play in supporting basic food security in the community. Hunger Action Month highlights the community spirit of giving and calls upon the residents of Mercer Island to join efforts throughout the month of September 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 2024, as

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

on Mercer Island and encourage Mercer Islanders to end hunger by raising their awareness and donating to support YFS food security efforts.

APPROVED, this 3rd day of September 2024.

Mayor Salim Nice

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**HUNGER
ACTION
MONTH**

Taking a stand against hunger.