



# City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Hunger Action Day is observed in the United States each year on September 23, and a unique community collaboration “NIGH: No Islander Goes Hungry” has formed to support food insecurity efforts on Mercer Island.

Mercer Island has not been immune to the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has exacerbated food insecurity for the Island’s most vulnerable residents. YFS Food Pantry usage continues to be more than double pre-pandemic levels, and it is due to the generosity of the Mercer Island organizations, businesses, and individuals that this need continues to be met.

The following organizations have joined together to raise awareness of food insecurity and contribute funds to the YFS Food Pantry to ensure that no one on Mercer Island goes hungry: YFS Foundation, Mercer Island Rotary Foundation, MI Farmers Market, MI Community Fund, and MI Chamber of Commerce.

We all have a role to play in fostering a community that supports all residents in their times of need. MI NIGH DAY provides another opportunity for Mercer Island residents to stand together and show up for neighbors in need. YFS could not do this work without the generosity and support of the Mercer Island community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2022 as

## **MI NIGH DAY ON MERCER ISLAND**

and call upon the people of Mercer Island to join the efforts of organizations across the community to eliminate food insecurity by supporting the City’s Mercer Island Youth and Family Food Pantry program.

**APPROVED**, this 20th day of September 2022

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Mayor Salim Nice

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**MERCER ISLAND  
NIGH DAY 9/23/22**

TOGETHER  
**NIGH**  
NO ISLANDER GOES HUNGRY

A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY EFFORT  
TO END HUNGER ON MERCER ISLAND