City of WHITEWATER

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, hunting is enshrined in Wisconsin's state constitution and etched into our shared history, creating oppo1tunities to bond with nature while acting as a source of healthy food for hunters, their families, and local food assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Deer Donation Program, administered with counties and local pa1tners, is a practical solution to combating hunger and embracing the role of hunting as a vital component of Wisconsin communities and culture; and

WHEREAS, promoting the Wisconsin tradition of sharing our wild game harvests takes on even greater significance as we strive to protect the future of hunting and promote it as a food source, a right, and an essential wildlife management tool; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsinites are encouraged to gain a greater understanding and awareness of food insecurity and how it impacts our nation, state, and local communities; and

WHEREAS, hunger is a problem we can help solve together through established donation programs, such as the Wisconsin DNR's Deer Donation Program or other independent "Hunt for the Hungry" efforts, so that one day hunger no longer exists in our state; and

Now therefore, I, John Weidl, City Manager for the City of Whitewater,
hereby proclaim November 2026 as:

Wild Game Meat Donation Month

I encourage all hunters to donate surplus wild game as private acts of generosity or through organized programs like the Wisconsin DNR 's Deer Donation Program and we ask all to financially support local donation efforts as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving and the season of giving.

John S. Weidl
City Manager for the City of Whitewater