

**WHEREAS**, FIND Food Bank partners with 200 Feeding America food banks across the country for the annual nationwide campaign to raise awareness and take action to fight hunger in the United States in the month of September; and

**WHEREAS**, FIND Food Bank helps feed 150,000 people each month struggling to make ends meet, providing essential nourishment to our community members in need, and making all efforts to provide food for pets, recognizing that pets can be part of the family, reducing the number of animals that ended up in shelters; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing the food insecurity needs of children, seniors, veterans, and all community members is fundamental to fostering a healthy and thriving society, and recognizing that access to food a human right; and

**WHEREAS**, more than forty-four million people in the United States face hunger, including one in five children, highlighting the urgent need for collective action and support; and

**WHEREAS**, FIND Food Bank became the primary food bank during the COVID-19 pandemic, changing their model for food distribution to thousands of families and individuals during one of the most challenging times we have endured as a community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Palm Desert recognizes the importance of equality and inclusion in addressing food insecurity, ensuring that all individuals, regardless of background, have access to nutritious food, and be treated with dignity and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Palm Desert and its employees have been longtime supporters of FIND Food Bank actively participating in efforts to combat hunger and raise awareness of this critical issue; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Palm Desert brings awareness to Hunger Action Month by lighting up City Hall in the color orange for the month of September, symbolizing our commitment to the fight against hunger.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Karina Quintanilla along with the entire City Council of Palm Desert, California, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2024, to be:

## **Hunger Action Month**

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2024.