



Proclamation

On a motion from
Councilor Willis Meadows
Members of Greenville County Council honor

HARVEST HOPE FOOD BANK

FOR ITS WORK TO BRING AWARENESS TO THE ISSUE OF HUNGER IN GREENVILLE COUNTY
AND TO RECOGNIZE “HUNGER AWARENESS AND ACTION MONTH”

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated as “Hunger Awareness and Action Month” in order to provide a unified opportunity for communities in Greenville County to focus attention on the persistent problem of domestic hunger, and to mobilize to create a movement to help end hunger in our state; and

WHEREAS, according to a study published by Feeding America, in 2013, 61,940 residents of Greenville County did not always know where they would find their next meal; and

WHEREAS, hunger is a reality for 13.5 percent of residents of Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, many households in Greenville County experience hunger, and some people in these households frequently skip meals or eat too little, sometimes going without food for an entire day; and

WHEREAS, research shows that preschool and school-age children who experience severe hunger have higher levels of chronic illness, anxiety and depression, and behavioral problems than children receiving a well-balanced diet; and

WHEREAS, food insecure seniors have lower nutrient intakes than food secure seniors, and without proper nutrients, seniors are at increased risk of disability, deteriorated health conditions, decreased resistance to infections, lengthened hospital stays, deteriorated mental health, and being underweight; and

WHEREAS, utilization of emergency food assistance becomes a way for these individuals and families to keep food on the table while still paying the bills; and

WHEREAS, Harvest Hope Food Bank, as a member of Feeding America, provides guidance, support and vital food resources to 97 agencies in Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, Harvest Hope Food Bank, provided services to thousands of individuals and families in Greenville County in the most recently completed fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that September in Greenville County, South Carolina is “Hunger Awareness and Action Month,” and County Council recognizes and honors Harvest Hope Food Bank for its work to bring awareness to the issue of hunger in Greenville County.

Signed this 1st Day of September, 2015

Bob Taylor, Chairman
Greenville County Council