

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: August 29, 2023

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: City Representative Art Fierro, 915-212-0006

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: NURTURE AND PROMOTE A HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? **OR AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and Action to recognize September as Hunger Action Month in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Yes, Council has recognized other awareness months like they did on April 12, 2022

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Texas where 15% of people face hunger in our State and 1 in every 5 children do not know where their next meal will come from; and

WHEREAS, The City of El Paso is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources to those struggling with hunger; and

WHEREAS, The City of El Paso is committed to working with El Pasoans Fighting Hunger and Feeding Texas, a member of the Feeding America® nationwide network of food banks, in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to issues relating to hunger and poverty; and

WHEREAS, El Pasoans Fighting Hunger has distributed nearly 100 million meals over the last 12 months to our neighbors through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated “Hunger Action Month” in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to enlist the public in the fight to end hunger by taking action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to ensure that no one has to make the impossible choice between food and other necessities like medicine, utilities or childcare; and

WHEREAS, Feeding America food banks across the country, including El Pasoans Fighting Hunger – will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the El Paso Mayor and Council of the City of El Paso, that the month of September 2023 be recognized as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH**.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leaser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Joyce Garcia

Assistant City Attorney