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 12 Aday of September, 2023.

CITY OF EL PAS

Oscar Leeser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kawra D. S Laura D. Prine City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joyce Garcia

Assistant City Attorney