Proclamation

## HUNGER ACTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2021

WHEREAS, Hunger Action Month was established in 2008 by Feeding America® and works to promote ways for individuals, organizations and communities everywhere to get involved and help fight the hunger crisis; and

WHEREAS, the nationwide campaign strives to mobilize the public into acting on the issue of hunger and help the more than 13.1% of the Collin County population who are food insecure, which includes nearly 18% of children; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to raise awareness and curb this trend, we launched a community initiative in 2013, and have received an outpouring of love from our citizens. In this short time and through the generous donations of our community at large, the North Texas Food Bank has distributed 51,800 backpacks to PISD elementary students throughout the school year, which has provided access to 194,250 nutritious meals to the underserved in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Plano City Council will not relent in its efforts to care for our own, and we challenge all of Collin County to get involved. As we enter this new phase in the pandemic, we know our neighbors continue to feel the impact from COVID-19. During the month of September, we will come together to help solve the hunger crisis in North Texas by partnering with ALL of North Texas to promote and participate in the Annual Peanut Butter Drive. There will be both virtual and in-person options for participating. The more we collect, the more impact we make;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN B. MUNS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as Hunger Action Month in Plano, and I do thereby encourage all citizens to join me, the Plano City Council, and the North Texas Food Bank in working together to eradicate hunger in our city, county, state and nation.



Office of the Mayor

