

PROCLAMATION

“September is Hunger Action Month”

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern in the United States, the State of New Jersey and the Township of Plumsted; and

WHEREAS, Plumsted Township is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Plumsted is committed to working with Fulfill NJ 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 hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, the Federal poverty level for a family of four (4) has become \$25,750, in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the rate of poverty in Ocean County, NJ is 10.9 percent of the population; and

WHEREAS, more than 136,000 individuals, of which 50,000 are children in Monmouth and Ocean Counties rely on food provided by the members of Fulfill NJ annually; and

WHEREAS, over 13.2 million meals are distributed annually to people in Monmouth and Ocean Counties from Fulfill NJ; and

WHEREAS, Fulfill NJ's network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations help over 15,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Plumsted, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby recognize September, as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in Township of Plumsted, and call this observance to the attention of its citizens.



Jack A. Trotta, Mayor



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