

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, hunger exists in Spokane and has increased substantially during the coronavirus pandemic. Feeding America calculates that prior to the pandemic one in seven residents of Spokane County were food-insecure, including one in five children, and the problem has worsened to the point that one-in-five adults and one in three children may experience food insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, along with generous community partners, funders, food donors and volunteers, Second Harvest is committed to providing healthy food and nutrition education to those who need it most. Second Harvest supplies food at no cost for thousands of meals per day for those in need, ranging from children to senior citizens. At the conclusion of the Second Harvest fiscal year, June 30, Second Harvest had distributed 43 million pounds of food, or food for more than 35.8 million meals to people facing hunger. This is 11 million more pounds than the previous year; and

**WHEREAS**, since the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded in March, Second Harvest has gone from providing food for 70,000 meals to more than 130,000 meals each day in Eastern Washington and North Idaho:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim September 2020 as

### HUNGER ACTION MONTH

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2020.

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

