

Legislation Text

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To recognize September as Hunger Action Month and to express our appreciation to Mid-Ohio Foodbank for their efforts to fight hunger in our communities.

**WHEREAS,** Hunger Action Month increases awareness of the struggle in our City and urges individuals to take action in their communities by speaking out to mobilize the public in the fight to end hunger; and

WHEREAS, Mid-Ohio Foodbank encourages everyone in central and eastern Ohio to participate in advocating, volunteering, donating and learning more about how they can make a difference during Hunger Action Month; and

**WHEREAS,** Mid-Ohio Foodbank distributes food to more than 654 partner agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, after-school programs and senior housing sites in 20 central and eastern Ohio counties; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Mid-Ohio Foodbank distributed more than 53 million pounds of food, enough to provide more than 121,625 meals each day; and

WHEREAS, the impact of hunger and poor nutrition resonates across our entire community - children who are hungry struggle to focus at school; limited access to nourishing food increases the risk of obesity and chronic disease like diabetes; and adults who are hungry must make difficult choices between paying for food and other necessities such as medicine, rent and utilities; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Columbus is committed to work with Mid-Ohio Foodbank to educate people about the role and importance of food banks, food pantries and other hunger relief organizations to address hunger and devote more attention to hunger issues; now, therefore

## **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this council does hereby recognize September as Hunger Action Month and to express our appreciation to Mid-Ohio Foodbank for their efforts to fight hunger in our communities.