

Proclamation

HUNGER ACTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020

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

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

WHEREAS, Marlboro Township is committed to working with Fulfill, formerly The FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, to educate people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, more than 215,000 individuals in Monmouth and Ocean Counties now rely on food provided by Fulfill and its partners since the beginning of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment level is the highest it has ever been in the history of the State and the poverty level for a family of four is \$25,465 and 9.5% of families live below that level; and

WHEREAS, since March 13th, 2020, Fulfill has provided 1,986,909 meals including 16,000 **more** meals **per day** than the year before and 903,984 of those meals were provided to Monmouth County residents; and

WHEREAS, due to the pandemic, one (1) in every six (6) people in Monmouth and Ocean Counties received “emergency” food from Fulfill and their network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including Fulfill, 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, I, Mayor Jonathan Hornik and the Township Council do hereby recognize September as *HUNGER ACTION MONTH* within the boundaries of Marlboro Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey and call this observance to the attention of its citizens.



Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor
Township of Marlboro
September 2020