

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, access to sufficient, nutritious food is essential to the health, well-being, and quality of life of every individual and family; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity affects people in communities throughout the United States, including children, older adults, working families, veterans, and individuals facing financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, rising costs of food, housing, transportation, health care, and other necessities can place families in the difficult position of choosing between food and other essential needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Park recognizes that addressing hunger strengthens our entire community and encourages residents to support hunger-relief efforts through volunteering, donating food or funds, raising awareness, and advocating for equitable access to nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, committed to reducing hunger, the City of Oakland Park partners with Farm Share, a Florida-based nonprofit dedicated to fighting hunger and food waste to deliver food baskets to our most vulnerable citizens. With the assistance of City volunteers, over 6,750 deliveries have been provided to Oakland Park citizens in need since the inception of the City's homebound food program in 2022.

WHEREAS, by working together with compassion and purpose, we can help ensure that all members of our community have access to the nourishment and resources they need to thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter, does hereby authorize Mayor Steven R. Arnst to proclaim the month of September 2026 as

HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Oakland Park and encourages all residents, businesses, community organizations, and civic partners to learn more about food insecurity, support local hunger-relief initiatives, and take meaningful action toward building a community where no one goes hungry.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of September 2026.

By: _____
STEVEN R. ARNST, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK