

# Proclamation

## Office of the Mayor

### Hunger Action Month

**WHEREAS**, hunger and food insecurity are a reality for far too many of our neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, those who are food insecure are without reliable access to adequate amounts of affordable, nutritious food; and

**WHEREAS**, food insecurity, which can affect anyone, is a symptom of broader challenges, such as unemployment, underemployment, disability, retirement or unforeseen financial challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, those who do not have their basic needs met are further hampered in their path toward self-sufficiency; and

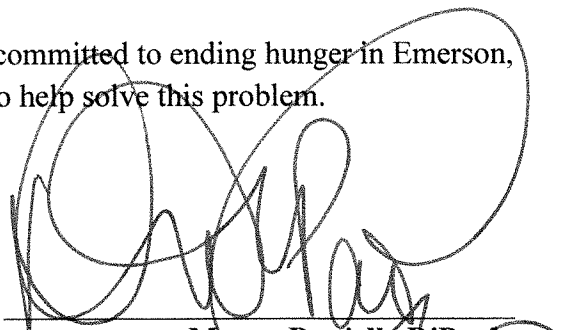
**WHEREAS**, in 2020, it was estimated that residents of the Bergen County experienced a 71% increase in food insecurity, thus overwhelming many local food pantries already in short supply; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 64 residents in Emerson with active SNAP cases (formerly known as food stamps) and our schools which participate in the free and reduced lunch program, average 5.6% of their population receiving free lunch and 1.1% receiving reduced lunch assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Emerson has a vibrant food pantry operated by Pastor Arturo Rivera of the Emerson Bible Church as well as many dedicated volunteers, where families are frequently provided with much needed food and supplies, illustrating that this is an issue impacting residents all across Bergen County and even in the Family Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mayor Danielle DiPaola, on behalf of the Governing Body, hereby recognize the month of September 2025 as “Hunger Action Month” in the Borough of Emerson, and I encourage all Emersonians to support our local food pantry; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Emerson Governing Body is committed to ending hunger in Emerson, and will spread awareness and increase engagement in our community to help solve this problem.



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Mayor Danielle DiPaola  
September 16, 2025