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**Board Matter**

**Request to Proclaim September 2021 as Hunger Action Month**

Members of the Board,

Fairfax County is home to 1.2 million people. According to the Feeding America [Impact of Coronavirus on Food Insecurity Projections](#) (published March 29, 2021), the food insecurity rate in Fairfax County is at 7.4% in 2021, up from 5.8% in 2019. That means that about 86,716 people in Fairfax are experiencing food insecurity.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fairfax County Health, Housing and Human Services System created the Community Provider Coordination Team (CPCT). The CPCT identified five key focal areas to coordinate around to address the urgent needs the pandemic created. Food insecurity was identified as a focal area and the Food Access subcommittee was formed.

The Food Access subcommittee continues to meet and has brought together a diverse group of food providers, comprising 150 individuals representing about 40 organizations, including nonprofits, faith communities and county agencies to address food insecurity in Fairfax County.

The Honorable Dalia A. Palchik  
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Feeding America has designated September as Hunger Action Month, a time when people all over America stand against hunger.

Therefore, we ask that the Board proclaim September 2021 as Hunger Action Month in Fairfax County and for the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the month-long events that residents can participate in and the resources that are available to help end food insecurity in Fairfax County.