## PROCLAMATION Hunger Action Month 2020

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of great concern in Brevard County and throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Brevard County is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger in every part of our state and to help provide additional resources that Central Florida residents need; and

**WHEREAS**, Brevard County is committed to working with Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, a member of the Feeding America<sup>®</sup> nationwide network of food banks, in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, more than 103,970 residents in Brevard County rely on food provided by the members of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the coronavirus pandemic has had devastating health and economic impacts across the country and it is projected that 1 in 6 Individuals and 1 in 3 Children could face hunger in Brevard County in the wake of the pandemic this year; and

**WHEREAS,** the members of Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida distributed more than 7 million meals to Brevard County in 2019 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of September has been designated "Hunger Action Month" in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to engage the public in action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to end hunger one helping at a time; and

**WHEREAS**, food banks across the country, including the members of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY FLORIDA do hereby proclaim September 2020 as

## "Hunger Action Month"

in Brevard County.

Done, Ordered, and Adopted, in regular session, this 15th day of September 2020.