

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, addressing the food insecurity needs of children, youth, men, women, seniors, active military and veterans today is fundamental for the future of the City of Douglas; and,

**WHEREAS**, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Converse County where 13.3% of people struggle with hunger, not knowing where their next meal will come from, or choosing between food and utilities, housing or medicine; and,

**WHEREAS**, the need for comprehensive, coordinated emergency food programs place upon our community a critical responsibility; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Douglas is committed to combating hunger in every part of our community and providing additional resources to those in need; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is our responsibility as citizens of Douglas to learn about hunger and to do our part in reducing that hunger; and,

**WHEREAS**, Douglas partners with Food Bank of Wyoming, a member of the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks and their local partner Converse County Totes of Hope to educate people about the important role of hunger relief organizations raising awareness for the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger and food insecurity issues; and,

**WHEREAS**, more than 745 residents of Converse County rely, annually, on food provided by Food Bank of Wyoming and their local partners; and

**WHEREAS**, Food Bank of Wyoming, its generous funders, volunteers and local partner agencies are committed to educating citizens on the role of food banks and hunger-relief efforts in solving hunger; and

**WHEREAS**, Food Bank of Wyoming provides over 10.9 million meals across Wyoming annually; and to engage each of us to help end hunger, one meal at a time, either through donations, social media shares or volunteer shifts; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of September is designated “Hunger Action Month” in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, René Kemper, Mayor of the City of Douglas, Wyoming**, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as:

## **HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

and encourage all citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of food insecurity and how it impacts our nation, state, county, and communities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Douglas to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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**René Kemper, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk**