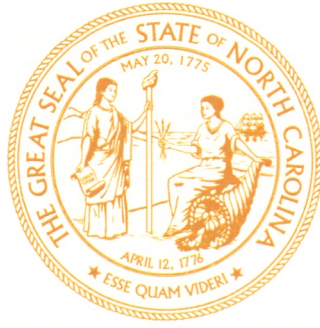




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

AND

HUNGER ACTION DAY

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 1.7 million North Carolinians are facing hunger, with more than 504,000 of those people being children; and

WHEREAS, addressing food insecurity and hunger is a shared responsibility that affects the well-being of all members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Child and Family Well-Being within the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) oversees Food and Nutrition Services and Community Nutrition Services, providing vital nutrition programs that reduce food insecurity and improve access to nutritious foods for children and adults; and

WHEREAS, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) programs serve approximately 258,000 women, infants, and children each month, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) supports 3,934 child care and adult care centers, emergency shelters, and after-school programs, providing nutritious meals to more than 118,000 people daily; and

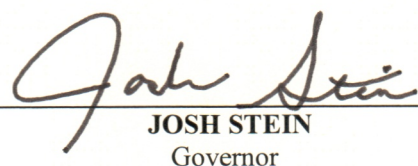
WHEREAS, the nationwide food bank program Feeding America operates from six North Carolina cities and works with hundreds of North Carolina partners throughout our state to provide nutritious food our state to families experiencing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, federal nutrition programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), WIC, the SUN Bucks summer nutrition program for children, the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program, and others, play critical roles in addressing hunger for children, families, and older adults; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of our time, talent, advocacy, and resources by individuals and organizations bring us closer to ending food insecurity and ensuring access to nutritious foods for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2026 as **"HUNGER ACTION MONTH"** and September 26, 2026, as **"HUNGER ACTION DAY"** in North Carolina and commend its observance.




JOSH STEIN
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this first day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifty-first.