Proclamation

Whereas, September is Hunger Action Month, an initiative created by Feeding America to help raise awareness about the issue of hunger in the United States and in local communities and;

Whereas, Hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern to the Village of Royal Palm Beach, it is therefore critical we take action to break the cycle of hunger and poverty and address the root causes of hunger and;

Whereas, The Village of Royal Palm Beach is therefore committed to working with Feeding South Florida, the leading domestic hunger relief organization serving Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties, serving 25% of the state's food insecure population and;

Whereas, During COVID-19, over one million individuals in South Florida – over 340,000 of whom are children - rely on food provided by Feeding South Florida and its network of partner agencies annually; and

Whereas, Feeding South Florida distributed over 119 million pounds of food and grocery products in 2020 through its network of 300 nonprofit partner agencies, direct service programs, benefits assistance programs, home meal delivery programs, and more and;

Whereas, Feeding America food banks across the country including Feeding South Florida, will host several events throughout September to raise awareness about the issue of hunger and inspire action toward ending in their local community.

Now, Therefore, I, Fred Pinto, Mayor of the Village of Royal Palm Beach Florida do hereby proclaim September 2020, as

Hunger Action Month

and encourage our citizens to join me in recognizing this critical issue during this month of observance.

Signed and sealed this 17th day of September, 2020

Mayor Fred Pinto

Attest: _____ Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk