

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Alaska

Proclamation

WHEREAS, with deep concern for the more than 44 million Americans nationwide who face difficulty assuring where their families' next meal will come from, including nearly 100,000 Alaskans—30,110 of whom are children—who face food insecurity, the Kenai Peninsula Borough joins with the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank to support the National Hunger Awareness campaign to feed the hungry; and

WHEREAS, more than 22,100 individuals on the Kenai Peninsula rely on food provided by the members of the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank annually; and

WHEREAS, over 19% of the children in the Kenai Peninsula Borough struggle with food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is committed to raising awareness and inspiring action to combat hunger in every part of our Borough and to provide additional resources that citizens of the Kenai Peninsula Borough need; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is committed to working with the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank to educate 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, Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, in partnership with over 45 other nonprofit organizations, distributed more than 1.2 million pounds of food across the Peninsula in 2023 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; served over 23,800 people using government commodities, and even more through food donations; distributed over 4,500 senior boxes; and served over 22,000 meals on-site through remote distribution; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local community:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter A. Micciche, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2024, as

Hunger Action Month

in the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and encourage its citizens and businesses to join in supporting the members of the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank during this national campaign to provide additional resources for the hungry Alaskans they serve and for its year-round efforts to Feed the Hungry.



Peter A. Micciche
Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor