

County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2021-22

National Donate a Lunch Day

WHEREAS almost 10 million Americans are still unemployed during this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, according to USDA, 50 million people in the United States, including 17 million children, are battling hunger and feeling food insecure. This is almost a 2% increase since 2019 due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the observance of The National Donate a Lunch Day on May 1, 2021 is an opportunity to support Food Security program of Humanity First USA that provides vital and critical services by donating food, volunteering, and raising awareness about hunger issues in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the campaign encourages its supporters to skip lunch on May 1, 2021 and donate their lunch money to Humanity First USA to feed fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, this organization has hundreds of caring volunteers across the U.S. who donate their time, vehicles, gasoline, and energy to deliver thousands of meals annually to our fellow citizens in the U.S, especially during this pandemic, in response to COVID-19 served 1.7 million meals in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Humanity First USA is consistently providing financial support and food distribution to local food banks and pantries through funds raised under Food Security program.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, proclaim May 1, 2021 as National Donate a Lunch Day in Charles County. We urge every resident to take time on this day help combat hunger in America and remember the people it will serve, and the volunteers who care for them.

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