

WHEREAS, food insecurity and the cycle of hunger and poverty are issues of high concern in the United States and South Florida, it is vital to raise awareness about the need to end food insecurity in every part of the country, and to provide additional resources that citizens may need; and

WHEREAS, The City of Margate is committed to working with Feeding South Florida, which is the Feeding America food bank that distributes food, educates people about the role and importance of food banks, and raises awareness about the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, almost 800,000 individuals in South Florida rely on food provided by Feeding South Florida and its network of hundreds of nonprofit partner agencies annually; and

WHEREAS, Feeding South Florida distributed more than 40 million pounds of food and grocery products in 2015 through its numerous food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country including Feeding South Florida, will host several 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, Joanne Simone, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2015, as

Hunger Action Month TM

in the City of Margate, and call upon the good people of Margate to join me in highlighting the important message of humanitarianism being sent during this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 2nd day of September 2015.

JOANNE SIMONE, MAYOR