

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, addressing the food insecurity needs of children, youth, men, women, seniors, active military and veterans today is fundamental for the future of Laramie, Wyoming; and,

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Albany County where 12.9% of people struggle with hunger and one in every six children do not know where their next meal will come from; and,

WHEREAS, the need for comprehensive, coordinated emergency food programs place upon our community a critical responsibility; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie is committed to combating hunger in every part of our community and providing additional resources to those in need; and,

WHEREAS, it is our responsibility as citizens of the City of Laramie to learn about hunger and to do our part in reducing that hunger; and,

WHEREAS, City of Laramie partners with Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies, a member of the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks and their local partners Laramie Soup Kitchen and Interfaith Good Samaritan, to educate people about the important role of hunger relief organizations raising awareness for the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger and food insecurity issues; and,

WHEREAS, more than 4,920 residents of Albany County rely, annually, on food provided by Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies and their local partners; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies, its generous funders, volunteers and local partner agencies are committed to educating citizens on the role of food banks and hunger-relief efforts in solving hunger; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies provides over 12 million meals across Wyoming annually; and to engage each of us to help end hunger, one meal at a time, either through donations, social media shares or volunteer shifts; and

WHEREAS, the month of September is designated “Hunger Action Month” in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, *Joe Shumway, Mayor and President of Laramie City Council, Laramie, Wyoming*, do hereby proclaim September 2020 as

Hunger Action Month

and encourage all citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of food insecurity and how it impacts our nation, state, county and communities.

GIVEN UNDER, my hand and seal of Laramie, Wyoming to be affixed this 1st day of September in 2020.

**Joe Shumway
Mayor and President of Laramie City Council**

Attest:

**Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk**