



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern in the United States and the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger in every part of our state and to provide additional resources that the citizens of Missouri need; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri is committed to working with the Missouri Food Bank Association in educating 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, more than 800,000 individuals in Missouri rely on food provided by the members of the Missouri Food Bank Association annually; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Missouri Food Bank Association distributed more than 90 million pounds of food in 2011 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations; and

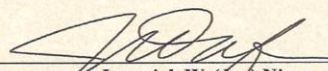
WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including the six members of the Missouri Food Bank Association, will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local communities.

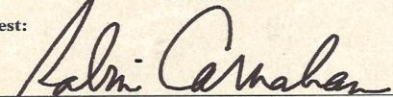
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 2012 to be

HUNGER ACTION MONTH IN MISSOURI

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of July, 2012.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:

Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State