

RESOLUTION 10-39

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL
RURAL LETTER CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION "STAMP OUT HUNGER"
2010 NATIONAL FOOD DRIVE**

WHEREAS, beginning in 1993, the National Association of Letter Carriers ("NALC") and the United States Postal Service ("USPS") have partnered to conduct a National Food Drive campaign titled "Stamp Out Hunger" on the Second Saturday of May each year with the goal of restocking community food banks and food pantries across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association ("NRLCA") has joined the NALC and the USPS with "Stamp Out Hunger" by collecting non-perishable food donations from USPS customers in and around Spring Hill; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the "Stamp Out Hunger" campaign resulted in over 73.4 Million pounds of non-perishable food collected through donations across the nation; and

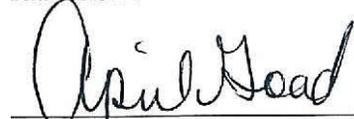
WHEREAS, the "Stamp Out Hunger" National Food Drive will be conducted on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee supports the goals of the "Stamp Out Hunger" National Food Drive, the efforts of the United States Postal Service and the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association in and around Spring Hill to collect donations, and does hereby encourage all citizens of the City of Spring Hill to participate in "Stamp Out Hunger" by donating non-perishable food supplies on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee on the 19th day of April, 2010.


Michael Dinwiddie, Mayor

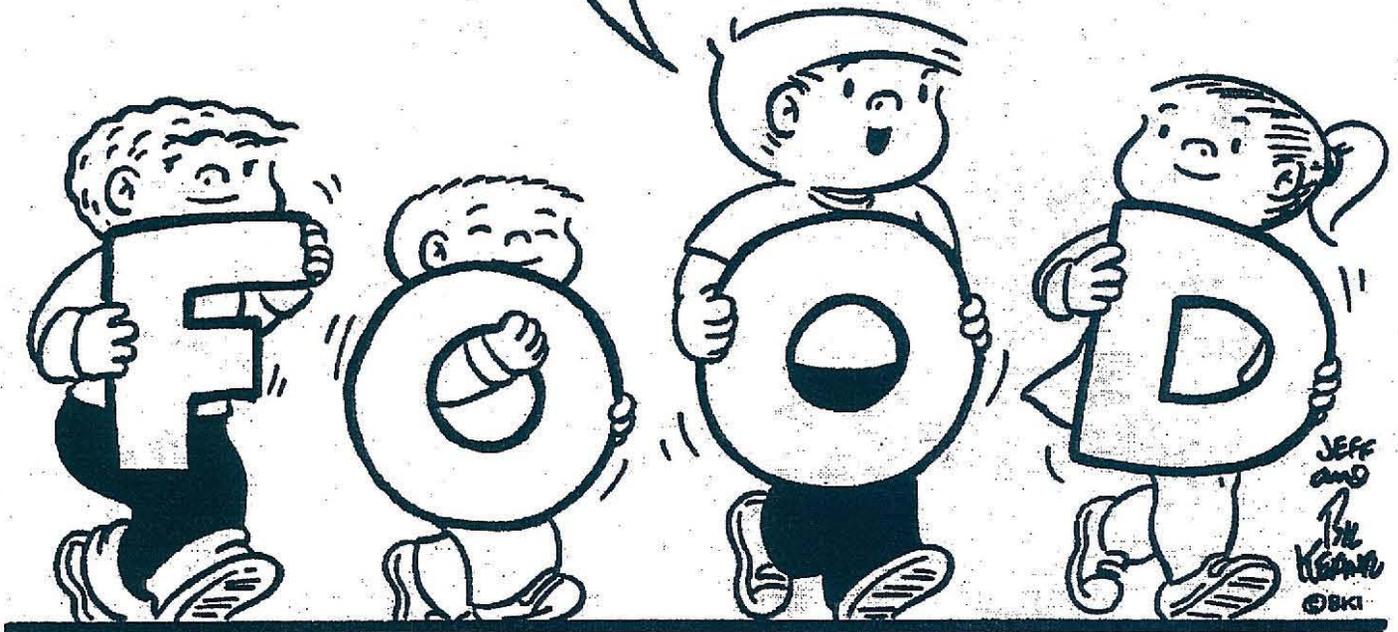
ATTEST:


April Goad, City Recorder

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Timothy P. Underwood, City Attorney

THIS SPELLS
HELP FOR LOTS OF
FAMILIES THIS
YEAR!



LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE SAT. MAY 8, '10



PUT YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATION
IN A BAG BY YOUR MAILBOX.
WE'LL DELIVER IT TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK.



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NATIONAL RURAL LETTER CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION

Every May, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) holds its national food drive in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America. Rural carriers have always been firm supporters of the event, working side by side with city carriers to collect food and directly contributing to the event's success.

This year, the NRLCA will assume a new national role in the drive as a full national partner in the event alongside co-sponsors such as the U.S. Postal Service, Campbell Soup Company, Valpak, the AFL-CIO, United Way Worldwide and its local United Ways, and Feeding America, the nation's food bank network.

In its new national role, the NRLCA will assist NALC and the drive's other co-sponsors in promoting the volunteer collection of non-perishable food on the second Saturday in May, encourage increased participation by rural carriers in the effort, and help deliver donations to local food banks, pantries and shelters. In connection with our new partnership, the NRLCA logo will appear on all national publications and other promotional materials of the drive.

With millions of Americans out of work and facing hunger, it is more important than ever to do our part to help out. We look forward to becoming a more active partner in the whole event and working closely with our brothers and sisters of the NALC for a very worthy cause.

LOCAL AFL-CIO UNIONS

The AFL-CIO plans an active campaign of support for the 2010 Food Drive, working with Field... for local... C...
President Richard Trumka is proud of all AFL-CIO affiliates actively supporting the...
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to coordinate... and help the... the broad... promotion... of the...
recruit volunteers... NALC branches... collection... and de... donated to...
promote the NALC...
Service staff... in 2010.

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Dear Fred:

The National Rural Letter Carriers' Association is proud to announce its support of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) annual Food Drive. On this landmark day, postal workers from all across the nation band together in the constant fight against deprivation and hunger.

Current economic conditions highlight just how important it is to assist those who no longer have the means to provide for themselves and their families. In 2009, the rural letter carriers of America assisted in collecting over 73.4 million pounds of donations and seek to surpass this number in 2010.

In what has become the largest one-day food drive in the nation, it has become clear how such a small act of charity on the part of one person can resonate so profoundly in the communities in which we live in.

Fred, the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association is proud to align ourselves with such a noble and distinguished cause. I thank you and your members personally for championing the fight against hunger in America. I look forward to working with you in order to "Stamp Out Hunger" in 2010.

Sincerely and fraternally,


Don Cantriel
President

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FACTS ON HUNGER IN AMERICA

- **GENERAL** – The USDA released some startling statistics November 16, 2009 which shocked the entire hunger relief community. Its annual study of hunger in America indicates the number of people living at the margins of hunger, struggling to make ends meet and put food on the table, has increased from 35.5 million to more than 49.1 million people. **This is the largest increase reported in our history** and represents an increase of nearly 14 million people. This means that 1 in 6 Americans is uncertain where their next meal will be coming from.
- **CHILDREN** – This same report revealed that our most precious resource, our children, were among the hardest hit. A staggering 1 in 4 or 16.7 million children (an increase of 35%) reside in food insecure households – unable to consistently access nutritious and adequate amounts of food necessary for a healthy life. Insufficient nutrition puts children at risk for illness and weakens their immune system. Research reveals, in comparison to food secure children, children from food insecure families are 90 percent more likely to be in fair or poor health and have 30 percent higher rates of hospitalization.
- **SENIORS** – The Feeding America Network currently serves more than 2.5 million seniors annually through emergency pantries, kitchens and shelters. The USDA's report did not cast a positive light on this segment of our population either, spotlighting an increase of 7% in food insecure seniors. Nutrition is also a key component to a healthy and productive life for seniors and food insecurity often contributes to malnutrition. Currently, there are 2.3 million food insecure households with seniors. The importance of nourishment is especially crucial for seniors because of their increased vulnerability to illness.

Letter Carriers National Food Drive

May 8, 2010

Fact Sheet

On the second Saturday in May — *May 8, 2010* — letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America will deliver much more than mail when they walk and drive along their postal routes. They also will collect the goodness and compassion of their postal customers participating in the 18th annual NALC National Food Drive to “Stamp Out Hunger” — the largest one-day food drive in the nation.

The effort by letter carriers represented by the National Association of Letter Carriers (AFL-CIO), with the help of rural letter carriers, other postal employees and numerous other volunteers has resulted in delivery of nearly one billion pounds of donations to community food banks and pantries over the past 17 years.

In 2009, the drive collected a record 73.4 million pounds of food for the needy from postal customers. That brought the total for the first 17 years to 982.7 million pounds.

Letter carriers will collect non-perishable food donations left by mailboxes and in post offices and deliver them to local community food banks, pantries and shelters. Over 1,400 local NALC branches in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam are involved in the drive.

Campbell Soup Company and the U. S. Postal Service are major partners again in 2010, cosponsoring the printing of 126 million postcards to encourage the general public to participate in the drive. Campbell Soup also earmarked an additional 1 million pound canned food donation to the drive. Also returning as a major supporter is Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, the nationwide direct mail marketing firm, which promotes the drive on more than 40 million packets delivered to postal customers.

The drive also relies on the support of United Way Worldwide and its local United Ways, the AFL-CIO Community Services network; rural carriers represented by the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association; Feeding America, the nation's food bank network, and countless local sponsors. The drive also receives generous support yearly from “Family Circus” cartoonists Bil and Jeff Keane, who provide a special cartoon to promote the drive.

The success is in its simplicity.

All citizens need do is to place a box or can of non-perishable food next to their mailbox before their letter carrier delivers mail on Saturday, May 8. The carrier will do all the rest. The food is taken back to a postal station, sorted, and then delivered to an area food bank or pantry. There it is available for needy families.

Over 35 million people face hunger every day in America, including more than 12 million children. This drive is one way people can help those in their own city or town who need help.

BIRTH OF THE DRIVE

The NALC National Food Drive is the outgrowth of a tradition of community service exhibited by members of the letter carriers union over the years. These carriers, who go into neighborhoods in every town six days a week, have always been involved when something needed to be done, whether it be collecting funds for a charity like the Muscular Dystrophy Association, watching over the elderly through the Carrier Alert program, assisting victims of natural disasters, or rescuing victims of fires, crime, and other mishaps.

Over history, a number of branches collected food for the needy as part of their community service effort. Discussions were held by the NALC, U.S. Postal Service and AFL-CIO Community Services Department to explore a more coordinated effort. A pilot drive was held in 10 cities in October, 1991, modeled on a drive by Phoenix, Arizona Branch 576. It proved so successful that work began immediately on making it a nationwide effort.

Input from food banks and pantries suggested that late spring would be the best time since by then most food banks in the country start running out of donations received during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday periods.

A revamped drive was organized for May 15, 1993 with a goal of having at least one NALC branch participating in each of the 50 states. The result was astounding. Over 11 million pounds of food was collected – a one-day record in the United States – involving over 220 union branches. From Alaska to Florida and Maine to Hawaii, letter carriers did double duty – delivering mail and picking up donations. It then just grew and grew.