



ROCK ISLAND  
ILLINOIS

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern in the United States, the State of Illinois and the City of Rock Island; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Rock Island is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger in every part of our city and to provide additional resources that citizens of Rock Island need; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Rock Island is committed to working with the River Bend Foodbank 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,** there are 131,900 people in the 22 counties served by the River Bend Foodbank in eastern Iowa and western Illinois who do not have access to enough food to live a healthy, active lifestyle, that's 1 in 8 people, this includes 49,710 children, 1 in every 5 children, and they are missing a total of 23,346,200 meals annually; and
- WHEREAS,** the River Bend Foodbank distributed more than 7.3 million meals in 2014 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** food banks across the country, including the River Bend Foodbank, 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 community.

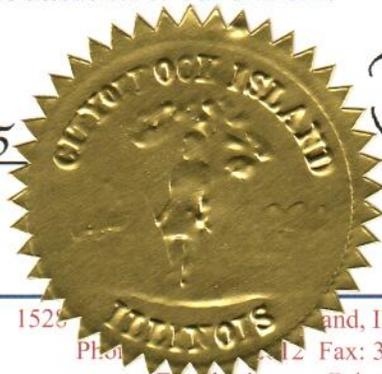
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, proclaim September, 2015 as

**HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

August 21, 2015

Date



Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor

