

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS
FOOD DRIVE DAY – MAY 12, 2012**

WHEREAS, America's Second Harvest reports that 49 million Americans (approximately 1 in 6) are hungry or at risk of hunger and 37 million Americans receive emergency food assistance from large and small food banks across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Fourteen million children (approximately 1 in 4) and nine million seniors who live in the United States at the poverty level receive food assistance. One in four people in a soup kitchen line is a child; and

WHEREAS, Poverty adversely affects birth weight, abuse and neglect, education and the general health of our most precious resource, our children and also affects our senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) in conjunction with the United States Postal Service (USPS) is sponsoring the **20th Annual NALC National Food Drive to "Stamp Out Hunger" on Saturday, May 12, 2012**; and

WHEREAS, NALC Branch 3126 in the City of Troy is participating in the National Food Drive, the largest one-day food drive in the nation, because the cost of inaction is too high, particularly in the face of many negative outcomes for our children and community which are preventable; and

WHEREAS, More than 1,400 local branches of the 300,000-member postal union collected a record 73.1 million pounds of food in last year's drive for local food banks, pantries and shelters, helping families throughout the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaim **Saturday, May 12, 2012 as National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Day in the City of Troy**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite all Troy residents to leave non-perishable food at their mailboxes on **Saturday, May 12, 2012**, to support our local letter carriers in their food drive to help alleviate hunger in our community and throughout the nation.

Signed this 7th day of May 2012.