

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS
27TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE DAY – MAY 11, 2019**

WHEREAS, America's Second Harvest reports that 50 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, Seventeen million children (approximately 1 in 5) 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 children and senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) in conjunction with the United States Postal Service (USPS) is sponsoring the **27th Annual NALC National Food Drive to "Stamp Out Hunger" on Saturday, May 11, 2019**; 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 80 million pounds of food in last year's drive for local food banks, pantries, and shelters, helping families throughout the nation. More than 1.67 billion pounds of food has been donated through the quarter-century history of the **Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaim **Saturday, May 11, 2019 as National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Day in the City of Troy, in celebration of 27 years of generosity and community support**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite all Troy residents to leave non-perishable food at their mailboxes on **Saturday, May 11, 2019**, to support our local letter carriers in their **27th Annual Food Drive** to help alleviate hunger in our community and throughout the nation.

Presented this 6th day of May 2019.