DeKalb TOWNSHIP

PROCLAMATION BY SUPERVISOR

WHEREAS, since 1972, the National Senior Nutrition Program has funded local agencies and organizations to serve home-delivered and congregate meals that help to ensure older adults have opportunities to stay healthy, independent, and connected; and

WHEREAS, more than 10 million older Americans face hunger each year and

WHEREAS, local senior nutrition programs help older adults access healthy foods; nutrition screening, education, and counseling; social opportunities; and other supports that encourage well-being; and

WHEREAS, our local senior nutrition provider, the Voluntary Action Center of Northern Illinois, is an integral part of [community/area] – providing sustenance and so much more to our older community members, especially those most vulnerable to food insecurity, chronic health conditions, and social isolation, and

WHEREAS, Voluntary Action Center's Meals on Wheels program is having a positive impact on our community and its senior members by:

- Preparing and delivering more than 78,370 home delivered meals to 575 local clients in 2021
- Mobilizing the generosity of thousands of local volunteers through the years and helping citizens become involved in meaningful service to others
- Enlisting the support of other local non-profit agencies and organizations who respond with gifts and donations to improve the lives of our seniors.

THEREFORE, I, MARY HESS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR OF DEKALB TOWNSHIP, IN THE GREAT STATE OF ILLINOIS,

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH IN THE YEAR 2022, TO BE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM AND RECOGNIZE THIS COINCIDES WITH THE 48TH ANNIVERSARY OF VOLUNTARY ACTION CENTER.

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DEKALB, I URGE EVERY RESIDENT TO RECOGNIZE OLDER ADULTS AND THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT THEM THROUGH NUTRITION SERVICES AS ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS TO THE STRENGTH OF OUR COMMUNITY.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Township of DeKalb to be affixed this 9th day of March, in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

DEKALB TOWNSHIP SEAL TOWNSHIP CLERK DEKALB COUNTY

Seal

Mary Hess, Supervisor

Andrew Tillotson, Clerk