

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

Senator Anthony offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize September 2025 as Hunger Action  
2 Month.

3 Whereas, Each September, Hunger Action Month unites millions  
4 of people across the country to raise awareness, take action, and  
5 provide food to neighbors facing hunger; and

6 Whereas, Led by Feeding America and its network of local food  
7 banks and volunteers, this nationwide movement works to build a  
8 future where everyone has access to the food and support they need;  
9 and

10 Whereas, The Feeding America network of food banks launched  
11 Hunger Action Month in 2007, marking its 18th year in 2025; and

12 Whereas, In 2024, more than 50 million people across the  
13 United States relied on food banks, underscoring the widespread and  
14 urgent need for food assistance nationwide; and

1           Whereas, Michigan is home to over 150 food banks and pantries,  
2 which collectively serve thousands of residents across the state  
3 through innovative programs, partnerships, and community outreach;  
4 and

5           Whereas, Hunger continues to impact communities across  
6 Michigan, with approximately 1.5 million residents facing food  
7 insecurity, including more than 402,000 children; and

8           Whereas, The overall food insecurity rate in Michigan stands  
9 at 14.2 percent with childhood food insecurity exceeding 19 percent  
10 statewide and reaching nearly 20 percent in the Upper Peninsula;  
11 and

12           Whereas, To address these widespread levels of food  
13 insecurity, Michigan relies on a variety of resources including  
14 emergency food assistance, community-based initiatives, and  
15 federally funded programs that work together to help residents  
16 access the nutritious food they need; and

17           Whereas, The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)  
18 is a vital federal resource for more than 1.4 million low-income  
19 individuals across every region, helping families not only afford  
20 food but also access nutritious options essential for health and  
21 well-being; and

22           Whereas, Among SNAP recipients, more than 59 percent are  
23 families with children, 39 percent include older adults or  
24 individuals with disabilities, and 41,000 are veterans,  
25 representing a significant portion of Michigan's most vulnerable  
26 populations; and

27           Whereas, Michigan residents benefit from additional food  
28 assistance programs, including the Special Supplemental Nutrition  
29 Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), which provides

1 nutritious foods each month to more than 200,000 moms, babies, and  
2 children under the age of five; and

3       Whereas, In addition to these federal supports, Michigan has  
4 further demonstrated its commitment to addressing food insecurity  
5 by including funding for free school meals for all students, an  
6 investment that helps reduce household food hardship and alleviates  
7 pressure on emergency food systems across the state; and

8       Whereas, Despite these critical supports, food banks across  
9 Michigan have reported an 18 percent increase in demand over the  
10 past year, reflecting the persistent challenges families face in  
11 accessing enough nutritious food; and

12       Whereas, Hunger Action Month is a time to raise awareness,  
13 inspire action, and recognize the tireless efforts of food banks,  
14 volunteers, programs, and advocates working to end hunger in  
15 Michigan; now, therefore, be it

16       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
17 body recognize September 2025 as Hunger Action Month.