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GREETINGS:

It gives me great pleasure to join with the Pennsylvania Association of Regional Food Banks in extending my support of September as Hunger Action Month.

More than 1.2 million Pennsylvanians are living in poverty and on the brink of hunger—uncertain of having, or unable to obtain, nutritionally adequate food. This plague wreaks havoc on victims ranging in age from children to senior citizens, from adults who are working to support a family to people living on a fixed income who must choose between medicine and food.

Providing food to meet emergency needs is not enough. For people who have few resources, achieving health and dignity requires consistent access to nutritious food through the normal routines of daily life. This goal can be reached if we all pay attention to the causes of hunger and food insecurity, whatever those may be.

Hunger Action Month will serve as a platform to educate people and provide opportunities for individuals, families, associations, groups, churches, large organizations, and government officials to take action in the fight against hunger. Whether it be volunteering, providing financial assistance, coordinating a food drive, or just educating others about the issue, there is a way for everyone to get involved.

As Governor and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I extend my support of September as Hunger Action Month in Pennsylvania. I applaud everyone's efforts to eliminate hunger issues within the state of Pennsylvania.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Corbett".

TOM CORBETT
Governor
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