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### PROCLAMATION

#### BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK DAY

**WHEREAS**, the School Lunch Program feeds lunch to many Waukesha students Monday through Friday during the school year; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these same students are hungry on the weekends; and

**WHEREAS**, hunger has both short and long-term negative effects on children's health; and

**WHEREAS**, there are strong ties between nutrition and academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, Blessings in a Backpack – a 501(c)3 organization – provides food for elementary school children across America who otherwise have little or no food to eat on weekends during the school year; and

**WHEREAS**, better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health and increased attendance have been linked to students who are well-nourished seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, Blessings in a Backpack currently serves more than 66,000 students in 44 states and more than 1,300 cities across the country and the Blessings in a Backpack organization in Waukesha currently serves 700 Waukesha students; and


**WHEREAS**, these Blessings in a Backpack programs are administered by volunteers in communities across the United States who fundraise, purchase food, stuff and deliver backpacks to students once a week,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The United States Conference of Mayors supports the efforts of Blessings in a Backpack and other charitable organizations to help stop hunger amongst children in America.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Waukesha has adopted the third Thursday in September as "Blessings in a Backpack Day", commencing on September 17, 2015 and continuing thereafter, whereby mayors across the United States will participate in backpack-stuffing events, providing food for children in their communities who need it most.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.



  
Shawn Reilly, Mayor  
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