



## **Proclamation**

### **Declaring to Drive Out Hunger during MN FoodShare for Hastings Family Service**

**WHEREAS**, MN FoodShare has coordinated a March campaign for 43 years to restock food shelves throughout the state of MN; and

**WHEREAS**, 7.5 million visits were made to food shelves in Minnesota in 2023, an increase of over 2 million visits over the previous year; and,

**WHEREAS**, Hastings Family Service strives to help our community members meet their basic needs of food, housing, transportation, and clothing; and,

**WHEREAS**, Hastings Family Service has also experienced a significant 53% increase in the need for food programs, and distributed over 425,000 pounds of food in 2023, and,

**WHEREAS**, 50% of those served by the Market Food Shelf at Hastings Family Service are children; and,

**WHEREAS**, the generosity of our community makes it possible for Hastings Family Service to provide help and hope to our neighbors, and all gifts of money and food are proportionately matched by MN FoodShare throughout the month of March; and now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Hastings does hereby declare that the Hastings Community will work together during MN FoodShare and restock the Market Food Shelf at Hastings Family Service to drive out hunger in our community.