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**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 11, 2024 AS LETTER CARRIERS' STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Every year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food as part of the nation's largest one-day food drive, distributing the donations to local food banks; and

**WHEREAS**, The Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive is just one example of how letter carriers work to make a difference in the lives of those they serve. Since the pilot drive was held in 1991, more than 1.9 billion pounds of food have been collected; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Harrisonburg wishes to wish recognize all letter carriers for their hard work and their commitment to their communities, but especially those in our own community whose efforts benefit those in need here in the Rockingham County area; and

**WHEREAS**, We also recognize the noteworthy milestone of 32 years that the National Association of Letter Carriers' Food Drive celebrates in 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the City Council of Harrisonburg**, by the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim this the 11th day of May 2024, as "**LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE DAY**" in the City of Harrisonburg and we encourage the citizens of our community to support the food drive by placing non-perishable food items in or near your mailbox on food drive day. Your letter carrier will pick it up while delivering mail - and together, we can help feed our hungry.

SIGNED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2024

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Deanna Reed, Mayor

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Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk