

Proclamation



MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2024

WHEREAS, Malnutrition Awareness Week was established in 2012, to raise awareness about the detection, intervention, and treatment of malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition, an imbalance of nutrients in the body, can be caused by inadequate diet, poverty, food insecurity, underlying medical conditions, and poor access to health care; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition is most prevalent among hospital patients, marginalized groups, older adults, women, and children, and the number of malnutrition-related deaths in the United States increased more than twofold between 2018 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is committed to ensuring that residents across all eight wards are protected from malnutrition and food insecurity in all its forms:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim September 16-20, 2024, as "MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK" in Washington, DC.

