

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HUMAN RIGHT TO FOOD

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown, West Virginia dedicates deliberate and continuous attention to human relations and human rights of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Morgantown has a long history of safeguarding the right and opportunity of all persons to be free from all forms of discrimination and striving to be an inclusive community for all of our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown has been committed for some years to obtain and apportion federal funds specifically addressing food insecurity within the community, including but not limited to federal CARES act monies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown has accepted an award of Community Development Block Grant Program – CARES Act funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the West Virginia Development Office, which will be used to provide food support to low- and moderate-income families in Morgantown; and

WHEREAS, denial of basic human rights, including the right to food, to individuals is destructive to a free and democratic society; and

WHEREAS, improving access to healthy and affordable food is a critical public health issue, and the City of Morgantown is invested in improving access to food in food deserts and across the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Morgantown strives to realize the right to food of all its residents; and

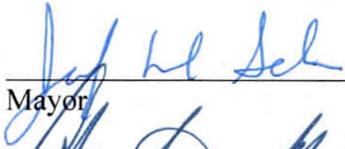
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Morgantown supports physical and economic access to healthy and affordable food, which shall include consideration of, but not be limited to, full-service grocery stores, incorporation of educational components into efforts to expand food access, nonprofit and coop models for grocery stores, and expansion of community gardens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Morgantown supports the right of the people to sustainably grow, raise, harvest, produce, and consume food of their own choosing for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health, and well-being; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Morgantown will strive to realize the right to food of its residents through supporting the expansion of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) enrollment efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Morgantown adopts this resolution to recognize the right to food of individuals as a basic human right that requires protection in order to ensure a free, democratic, and inclusive society.

Adopted this 7th day of December, 2021



Mayor



City Clerk