

Mayoral Proclamation

- Whereas** the state of Maine ranks 1st in New England and 12th in the nation for food insecurity with 35% of our food insecure population making too much to qualify for public assistance and having to rely on charity food assistance; and
- Whereas** the Waterville Interfaith Council started the Waterville Area Food Bank 35 years ago, in 1981, with a mission to provide assistance to their neighbors in need; and
- Whereas** in 2015 the Waterville Area Food Bank distributed over 250,000 pounds of food to 1,444 families, with 95% or more being Waterville residents, and welcomed 3,570 visitors to the United Methodist Church site; and
- Whereas** approximately 50 volunteers show their dedication and compassion to those in need by helping out at the Food Bank, whether occasionally or frequently; and
- Whereas** the City of Waterville is truly appreciative for the vital work of the Waterville Area Food Bank, its staff, volunteers and supporters;

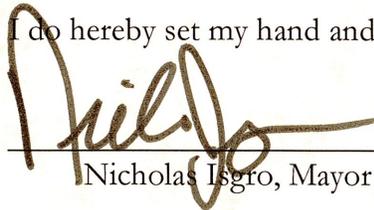
Now therefore, I, Nicholas Isgro, Mayor of Waterville, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize and endorse the

Waterville Area Food Bank

AS THE 2016 SPIRIT OF AMERICA VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

and encourage our residents to continue to give back to the community by donating food items and their time to assist this crucial service.

In Witness Whereof, I do hereby set my hand and seal this 5th day of April, 2016.



Nicholas Isgro, Mayor