

Proclamation Thanking Food Hub and Community Volunteers Supporting Seniors

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan is dealing with the pandemic coronavirus (COVID-19), a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, particularly in older adults and those with chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, since the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been encouraging seniors to "stay at home as much as possible"; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 2020-21, Governor Whitmer directed Michigan residents to remain at home or in their place of residence to the maximum extent feasible; and

WHEREAS, Albion seniors have overwhelmingly complied to help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 within our community; and

WHEREAS, those seniors remaining at home have need of community support and assistance during this pandemic, especially regular supplemental supplies of food; and

WHEREAS, the outpouring of community support during times of need such as these reflect the strength and noble character of Albion; and

WHEREAS, the weekly Senior Food Distributions to seniors organized by Laura Overholt, Director of the Albion Food Hub, Pastor Leslee Fritz of the First United Methodist Church of Albion and Councilwoman Lenn Reid have provided more than 500 meals to Albion and Homer seniors so far; and

WHEREAS, compassionate and caring community volunteers including Carol Smith, Felicia Coats, Sylvia Benavidez, Sam Porter, Elijah Armstrong, Vivian Davis and Linda LaNoue who tired selflessly each week along-side Laura Overholt and Pastor Fritz to load hundreds of food boxes into vehicles for distribution to our seniors in need; and

WHEREAS, Albion's Ministerial Association and area churches have risen to the challenge of identifying seniors in need and facilitating the weekly distribution of food to them.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of this City Council commend and express our gratitude for these shining role models of compassion and selfless community spirit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of ALBION, MICHIGAN on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, in the year 2020.

Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

Dave Atchison

Mayor City of Albion, Michigan

