RESOLUTION 2024 – 6

ACKNOWLEDGING THE EFFORTS OF JOSHUA'S PLACE, SHINE LIKE SABLE AND THE COMET CUPBOARD IN REDUCING CHILDHOOD HUNGER IN THE COMMUNITY

- **WHEREAS**, More than three decades of research shows conclusively that hunger and food insecurity among children are important risk factors for poor health, reduced social and psychological well-being, increased incidences of behavioral problems, and lower academic achievement; and
- WHEREAS, food insecurity is an official term from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is used in reference to instances when people don't have enough to eat and don't know where their next meal will come from; and
- **WHEREAS**, childhood hunger statistics are staggering with 1 in 5 children, roughly 13 million, in the United States face food insecurity daily and 13% of households with children in the United States not able to afford enough food for their family; and
- **WHERAS**, Joshua's Place partners to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available such as weekends and school vacations; and
- **WHEREAS**, Shine Like Sable provides funding and volunteers to ensure Sable's desire to feed those in need continues; and
- **WHEREAS**, Comet Cupboard was created by Girl Scout Troop 44405 to provide Mason students experiencing food insecurity with weekend food packs; and
- *WHEREAS*, through the collaborative efforts of organizations such as Joshua's Place, Shine Like Sable and the Comet Cupboard families with children have access to facilities, programs & services that help fight childhood hunger; and
- **WHEREAS**, the efforts of these organizations enhance Mason as a community that embraces kindness, giving, compassion and opportunity for all; and
- **WHEREAS**, Joshua's Place, Shine Like Sable and the Comet Cupboard are furthering Mason's mission for a culture of wellness in the community.
- **NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, six members elected thereto concurring:
- Section 1. That the Council of the City of Mason is proud of the efforts and contributions of Joshua's Place, Shine Like Sable and the Comet Cupboard in reducing childhood hunger in the Mason community.
- <u>Section 2.</u> That residents, businesses, houses of faith, civic organizations and all members of the Mason community are encouraged to support, promote and give to these efforts.
- Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 11th day of March, 202	4.	
Attacts	Mayor	
Attest:		
Clerk of Council		