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Governor Branstad to proclaim September Hunger Action Month in Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa – August 30, 2011 – The Iowa Food Bank Association will host a press conference in the Governor’s formal office immediately following his signing of the proclamation of September as Hunger Action Month on Thursday, September 1, 2011, at 1 p.m. at the Iowa State Capitol at the First Floor Rotunda in the East Wing.

At a press conference in April of 2011, Governor Branstad noted that hunger is an issue in every county in Iowa.

“Together, we can find long-term solutions *[to hunger]* that work in every county in the state of Iowa,” stated Branstad.

Proclaiming September as Hunger Action Month is a call to all Iowans to support efforts to alleviate the struggle against hunger that nearly 13% of individuals and 21% of the state’s children face on a daily basis.

The proclamation signing will be followed by comments from Lt. Governor Reynolds regarding the state of hunger in Iowa, and a call to action. Following the Lt. Governor’s comments, a check presentation from two of the Iowa Food Bank Association’s premiere partners, the Iowa Food and Family Project and the Midwest Dairy Association, will take place to showcase how Iowa’s agricultural community is answering the call to take action in the fight against hunger.

About the Iowa Food Bank Association

The Iowa Food Bank Association is a collaborative effort of the eight food banks in Iowa that serve all of its 99 counties. Association members include: Food Bank of Iowa, HACAP Food Reservoir, Northeast Iowa Food Bank, River Bend Food Bank, Food Bank for the Heartland, Food Bank of Southern Iowa, Food Bank of Siouxland and St. Stephen’s Food Bank. Collectively, the food banks provide over 16 million pounds of grocery products to over 1,000 nonprofit agencies serving Iowa’s food insecure population.

About the Iowa Food & Family Project

The Iowa Food & Family Project is an activity-led movement celebrating the continuous improvement of Iowa’s farmers and their commitment to providing healthy and wholesome food choices for everyone! It involves Iowans and farm, retail, food and food relief organizations – including the Midwest Dairy Association – and is dedicated to inspiring positive relationships between farmers and consumers through personal engagement and advocacy.

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