

# Proclamation



## MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 8-12, 2025

**WHEREAS**, inadequate or unbalanced nutrition, or malnutrition, is prevalent across all ages and communities, including hospital patients, marginalized groups, and those with limited access to resources; and

**WHEREAS**, malnutrition affects up to 54% of hospitalized adults and 27% of hospitalized children, often doubling the length of hospital stay and the risk of readmission experienced by well-nourished patients; and

**WHEREAS**, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to improving patient outcomes and preventing complications from malnutrition; and

**WHEREAS**, we stand with patients, healthcare professionals, and other stakeholders in support of nutrition screenings, nutrition advocacy, nutrition care, and the reaffirmation of our shared commitment to eliminate food insecurity and ensure optimal nourishment for all:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim September 8-12, 2025, as “MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK” in Washington, DC.**

