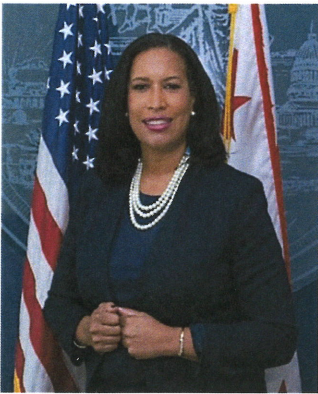


Proclamation

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 14-18, 2026



WHEREAS, Malnutrition Awareness Week was established in 2012 to highlight the need for early detection, timely intervention, and effective treatment of malnutrition; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition—an imbalance of nutrients in the body leading to a change in body composition and diminished function—can be caused by substandard diet, poverty, food insecurity, underlying medical conditions, and inadequate access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition is most prevalent among hospital patients, marginalized groups, women, children, and older adults; and

WHEREAS, under the theme, “Nutrition Care Is a Team Effort,” Malnutrition Awareness Week 2026 underscores the power of collaboration to address malnutrition and to ensure that everyone receives the nutrition necessary for healing, health, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia remains committed to ensuring residents across all eight wards are protected from malnutrition and food insecurity in all its forms:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim September 14-18, 2026, as “MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK,” in Washington, DC.

