MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

OCTOBER 4-8, 2021

WHEREAS, the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN) is dedicated to improving patient care by advancing the science and practice of clinical nutrition and metabolism; and

WHEREAS, Malnutrition Awareness Week™ is the annual campaign to educate healthcare professionals, government leaders, community agencies, patients, and caregivers about the negative consequences of patient malnutrition, including higher medical costs, longer hospital stays, and increased mortality; and

WHEREAS, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and

WHEREAS, nutrition is a human right and social determinant of health, and global malnutrition has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, compounding food insecurity, disparities, inequities, and social isolation; and

WHEREAS, given that twenty to thirty percent of adults in the community are at risk, malnutrition screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to eliminating malnutrition in the United States:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON DC, do hereby proclaim October 4-8, 2021, as "MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK" in WASHINGTON, DC.