MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

WHEREAS, experts agree that nutritional status is a direct measure of health, and that good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of health care institutions; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition is prevalent among vulnerable populations, such as hospitalized patients and some marginalized groups, and is especially acute among older adults; and

WHEREAS, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that hurt patients’ health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition is a factor in more than 2 million hospital stays each year, and about 15,000 hospital patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, Malnutrition Awareness Week educates patients, caregivers, health care professionals, government leaders, and community agencies about the negative impact of malnutrition on quality of life, and;

WHEREAS, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to defeating malnutrition in the District of Columbia and beyond:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2022, as the beginning of “MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK” in Washington, DC.