

PROCLAMATION 2015-0928
CITY OF CHARLOTTE

WHEREAS, Church World Service (CWS) is a cooperative ministry of 37 Christian communions working together to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice among the world's most vulnerable people; and

WHEREAS, CWS assists communities in responding to local hunger and disasters, resettling refugees, promoting fair national and international policies, providing educational resources; and

WHEREAS, CWS offers the opportunity to join a people-to-people network of local and global caring through participation in three major awareness and giving programs, Blankets+ Program, CWS Kits Program and the Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) Hunger Walk; and

WHEREAS, in the CROP Walk, community members join together to walk up to 4.1 miles to raise money and show solidarity with impoverished people worldwide struggling to become self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, last year marked the 31st year of the CROP Hunger Walk in Charlotte which has raised over \$300,000 to date; and

WHEREAS, 25% of the funds raised locally are given to organizations such as the SIREN/Eaton Shelter, Helping Hands, Community Dinners and St. Vincent de Paul; and

WHEREAS, the remaining 75% is used worldwide where ever need is the greatest, and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Area CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 4, 2015, starting at the Bennett Park Pavilion, and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Area CROP Walk begins at 2:00 p.m. All Charlotte residents are encouraged to attend and to bring a can of food to Bennett Park as a visible reminder to why they walk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Charlotte applauds the CROP Hunger Walk for their support of this community and recognizes their unselfish contributions to those in need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I, Carrie Burch, along with the Charlotte City Council recognize the outstanding efforts of the Charlotte Area CROP Hunger Walk.

Mayor Carrie Burch