

# Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR JUSTIN M. BIBB

*City of Cleveland, Ohio*

## *In Recognition of* **MealsGiving**

*Whereas,* on behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I am honored to offer this Proclamation recognizing MealsGiving on November 26, 2024, in the City of Cleveland, Ohio; and,

*Whereas,* MealsGiving is about making November 26, 2024, and every Tuesday before Thanksgiving, a day when “everyone eats.” Finding creative ways to support those in need has always been a passion for Cleveland native Ricky Smith. He is the creator of *Random Acts of Kindness Everywhere* or *R.A.K.E.*, a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to improving the world one kind act at a time; and,

*Whereas,* MealsGiving will use the power of food to foster a sense of community and connection throughout the City of Cleveland and beyond. Individuals, businesses, and organizations located in Greater Cleveland can support. Whether it's volunteering to deliver meals or pledging to buy breakfast for someone in need, send lunch to a frontline worker, or make dinner for a friend or family member, MealsGiving is all about spreading love and kindness, by and by; and,

*Whereas,* Cordelia, located at 2058 E. 4th Street, will close for the day to serve as MealsGiving headquarters and donate 1,000 meals, including 500 served on-location and 500 for delivery. Local volunteers will deliver hot meals prepared by participating restaurants and kitchens to pre-assigned locations throughout Northeast Ohio, including shelters, churches, and community centers. People helping people is what Cleveland is all about, and MealsGiving encapsulates that mantra.

*Now therefore, I, Justin M. Bibb, the 58<sup>th</sup> Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby offer this Proclamation in recognition of MealsGiving and making every Tuesday before Thanksgiving a day to foster a sense of kindness, warmth, and connection throughout Cleveland and beyond.*

*In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 2024.*

*Justin M. Bibb*  
**Mayor Justin M. Bibb**

