

# Town of Amherst

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**RE: Proclamation – Hunger Awareness Day – June 2, 2009**

National Hunger Awareness Day, coordinated by Food Banks Canada and community food banks across the country, tells the story of the individuals and families that turn to food banks for help. More than 700,000 Canadians are assisted by food banks every month; 37% are children. People helped by food banks may be seniors, people with disabilities or even people with full time jobs who need help from food banks to make ends meet.

The goal of National Hunger Awareness Day is to raise awareness of hunger in Canada and to ask Canadians to take action to help reduce the need for food banks in our community. In support of this goal, Mayor Rob Small has proclaimed June 2, 2009 as Hunger Awareness Day in Amherst, urging citizens and agencies and organizations interested in meeting the needs of hungry people to unite in observance of such exercises that will acquaint the people of Amherst with the fundamental necessity to support the work of food banks in meeting the food security needs of hungry children and youth and families. A copy of the Proclamation is attached.

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# NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS DAY

## *PROCLAMATION*

**Whereas** addressing the food security needs of children, youth and families today is fundamental to the future of the Town of Amherst; and

**Whereas** the need for comprehensive, coordinated emergency food programs place upon our community a critical responsibility; and

**Whereas** it is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts towards the health and well-being of hungry Canadians; and

**Whereas** FEED NOVA SCOTIA, through its unique approach to providing emergency food supplies, is effectively caring for the needs of hungry children, youth and families in our community;

**Now, therefore,** I, Robert Small, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2009 to be Hunger Awareness Day in Amherst, and urge our citizens and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting the needs of hungry people to unite on that day in the observance of such exercises as will acquaint the people of Amherst with the fundamental necessity to support the work of food banks in meeting the food security needs of hungry children and youth and families.

Robert Small, Mayor