

ERIC JOHNSON
Mayor of Dallas



March 20, 2020

Trisha Cunningham
President and CEO
North Texas Food Bank
3677 Mapleshade Lane
Plano, Texas 75075

Dear Ms. Cunningham:

On March 12, 2020, I signed a Declaration of a Local State of Disaster for the City of Dallas to help us take measures that will slow the spread of COVID-19. The declaration was subsequently extended by the City Council until April 29, unless extended again or rescinded prior to that date.

With uncertainty still ahead of us regarding how long emergency measures will be needed to slow this pandemic, I request that the North Texas Food Bank and its partner agencies go above and beyond their regular scope of work to provide life-saving and life-sustaining commodities to residents of Dallas and the surrounding areas.

I understand that the people served by the North Texas Food Bank and its partner agency network do not have the ability or the means to obtain adequate food reserves. I therefore request that increased distribution of nutritious foods and emergency services continue as necessary to meet the critical need for food due to this pandemic. This food distribution is especially necessary for our most vulnerable populations, including people who lack other access to food, people unable to leave their homes, people impacted by school closures, and people experiencing job loss and/or reduced hours at work.

I know that your organization is already working to meet the needs of the Dallas community on a daily basis, and that this request will likely require adapting and expanding logistics and operations to help people in the safest and most effective ways possible.

I am making this request with a deep appreciation of the North Texas Food Bank and its partner network for taking steps to meet the needs of our vulnerable populations who depend on these distributions the most. And I thank you for doing your part to help us fight COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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Eric Johnson