



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

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For the meeting of: November 14, 2017

Date: November 6, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass
Subject: Proclaim November 11th-19th, 2017 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Board of Supervisors would like to proclaim November 11th-19th, 2017 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Humboldt County. The Board asks that the community acknowledge the challenges of hunger and homelessness that affect our community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

Prepared by Ryan Sharp

Signature Virginia Bass

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ Consent
☐ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT


Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Wilson

Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: 11/14/17

By: Ryan Sharp
Ryan Sharp, Deputy Clerk of the Board



PROCLAMATION

OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, people from all walks of life, including families with children, employed and unemployed workers, elderly residents, veterans, disabled individuals, youth and individuals are impacted by hunger and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the community recognizes that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families living in Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, no one should have to worry about whether they will have food on their plate or a roof over their head; and

WHEREAS, the aim for the National Coalition for Homelessness is and always will be to eradicate homelessness by solving the root causes of it; and

WHEREAS, while homelessness creates barriers to accessing essential services, such as affordable health care, housing, child care and education, the cost of these necessities often contribute to hunger, food insecurity and people experiencing homelessness on any given night; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week 2017 is "BEING HOMELESS IS NOT A CRIME." Laws passed by local governments prevent people experiencing homelessness from doing life-sustaining activities; and

WHEREAS, hunger is a daily experience for many people in Humboldt County with more than 40% of low-income adults experiencing food insecurity, over 17% of seniors, and 28% of children living in poverty which more than doubles to 57% if the household is led by a single mother; and

WHEREAS, the California Center for Rural Policy reported in their County Food Assessment that more than 31% of adults experience food insecurity while 37% of households with children experience food insecurity. Most live on fixed incomes or survive paycheck to paycheck; and

WHEREAS, more than one in six Americans (18.2%) said there had been times over the last 12 months that they did not have enough money to buy food that they or their families needed; and

WHEREAS, National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week calls attention to the plight of homelessness and hunger and encourages all people in the community to work together to find meaningful solutions for these problems; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that November 11-19, 2017 shall be known, designated, and set aside as NATIONAL HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK.

DATED: November 14, 2017



Virginia Bass, Chair