

PROCLAMATION

2018 – 155

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2018, members of the Mid Florida Homeless Coalition’s Continuum of Care identified 202 households with a total of 312 people who were actually homeless; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Public School System reported for school year 2016/2017 2,395 students experienced homelessness based on the Department of Education’s homeless definition; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Lake County for very-low-income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers, food pantries, as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to housing, sheltering, providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to the homeless and hungry including: Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Inc., Lake Cares Food Pantry, Lake Community Action Agency, Christian Care Center, Society of St. Vincent de Paul/St. Timothy Conference, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul/St. Mary of the Lakes Conference, New Beginnings of Central Florida, United Way of Lake and Sumter, LifeStream Behavioral Center, The Open Door, Come As You Are Ministries, Forward Paths Foundation, Inc., Florida Department of Children and Families, Lutheran Services Florida, Devereux Advanced Behavioral Services, Lake County Probation Division, Community Legal Services of Mid Florida, Lake County School System, Lake County Children & Elder Services, Goodwill Industries Job Connection Center, Buses n’ Backpacks, Clermont Vet Center, Florida Department of Health of Lake County, LovExtension, Florida Hospital Waterman Community Primary Health Clinic, Lake County Housing and Community Development Division, Kitch’n Lyfe Skills, Inc., East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, and many others; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Lake County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida that:

Section 1. November 10-18, 2018 is hereby proclaimed as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Lake County, FL. The Board encourages all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need support from citizens, and private/public nonprofit service entities.

Section 3. A copy of the Proclamation shall be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

Section 4. This Proclamation shall become effective upon adoption.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED, this 6th day of November 2018, in regular session of the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida.



ATTEST:

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GARY J. COONEY, CLERK TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LAKE COUNTY, FL

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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