

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH

November 2014

- WHEREAS: FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS AND NATIONAL STUDENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS HAVE SPONSORED NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS INITIATIVES; AND
- WHEREAS: THE NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH HELPS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE MANY REASONS PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS IN BROWARD COUNTY, INCLUDING THE SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE COUNTY FOR VERY LOW INCOME RESIDENTS; AND TO ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND
- WHEREAS: THERE ARE MANY ORGANIZATIONS IN BROWARD COUNTY THAT ARE COMMITTED TO SHELTERING AND PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, SUCH AS MEALS AND FOOD SUPPLIES TO THE HOMELESS; AND
- WHEREAS: THE BROWARD HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (C.O.C.) IS A UNIQUE COALITION OF OVER FORTY GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY-BASED AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR THOSE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS; AND
- WHEREAS: THE C.O.C. AND ITS 40 PLUS PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZE THAT HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS CONTINUE TO BE A SERIOUS AND GROWING PROBLEM FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN BROWARD COUNTY; AND
- WHEREAS: OVER 2,800 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS AND HUNGER IN BROWARD COUNTY ON ANY GIVEN DAY; AND
- WHEREAS: THE C.O.C. AND ITS PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE COMMITTED TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN BROWARD COUNTY, AS DETAILED IN ITS PLAN "A WAY HOME, BROWARD COUNTY FLORIDA'S ANNUAL PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS"; AND
- WHEREAS: THE INTENT OF NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH IS CONSISTENT WITH *OPENING DOORS*, FEDERAL STRATEGIC PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS, AND CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE THOSE EXPERIENCING HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS; AND
- WHEREAS: THE C.O.C. AND ITS PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE THAT MANY PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE HOUSING, AND NEED SUPPORT FROM CITIZENS AND PRIVATE/PUBLIC NONPROFIT SERVICE ENTITIES; NOW
- THEREFORE: PETER BOBER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 2014, AS:

NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH

IN HOLLYWOOD, AND CALL UPON ALL RESIDENTS TO STOP AND THINK ABOUT OUR LESS FORTUNATE CITIZENS, AND SEEK TO ASSIST ALL CHILDREN, WOMEN AND MEN WHO FIND THEMSELVES WITHOUT HOMES.

SIGNED THIS 1ST DAY OF
NOVEMBER, 2014 AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR PETER BOBER
VICE MAYOR PATRICIA ASSEFF
COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER RICHARD BLATTNER
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