

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2023 –

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2023, members of the Mid Florida Homeless Coalition's Continuum of Care identified 147 households with a total of 183 people who were literally homeless; and

WHEREAS, the Hernando County Public School System reported for school year 2023-2023, that 971 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 and sustainable housing in Hernando County for very-low-income residents to the Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) population; 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., Alan Madden Foundation, Community Food Bank for Citrus County, Dawn Center, Hernando County Health and Human Services, Hernando County Schools Families in Transition, Hope Florida - A Pathway to Prosperity (DCF), Jericho Road Ministries, LSF Health Systems, The Lula McGrady Foundation, NAMI Hernando, People Helping People, The Salvation Army of Hernando County, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul CARES, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Hernando/ Citrus District Council, Inc., United Way of Hernando County, Urban Senior Job Program, and many more; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognize that hunger and homelessness continue to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Hernando County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim November 11-18, 2023, as **NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby encourage all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need support from citizens and private/public non-profit service entities.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 7th day of November 2023, A.D

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Attest:

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