

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

RESOLUTION 2022 –

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2022, members of the Mid Florida Homeless Coalition's Continuum of Care identified 196 households with a total of 262 people who were literally homeless in Hernando County; and

WHEREAS, the Hernando County Public School System reported that 837 students experienced homelessness in the 2021/2022 school year, 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 Hernando 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., Community Food Bank, Dawn Center, Florida Department of Health in Hernando County, Hernando County Community Alliance, Hernando County Health & Human Services, Hernando County Schools Students & Families in Transition, Jericho Road Ministries, LifeStream Behavioral Center, Lutheran Services Florida, NAMI Hernando, New Beginnings Youth Shelter – Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc., People Helping People in Hernando County, Society of St. Vincent de Paul Hernando/Citrus District Council, St. Vincent de Paul CARES, Stephen L. Teaster, II, Esq., The Lula McGrady Foundation, Inc., United Way of Hernando County, Zero Hour Life Center, and many others; 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 12-20, 2022, 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 8th day of November 2022, A.D.

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Attest:

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