

PROCLAMATION
National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Day 2016

WHEREAS, each year during *National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month* in November, the week before Thanksgiving is designated as *National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week*; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando joins communities across the United States during that week to bring greater understanding and awareness to the realities of hunger and homelessness, with special activities taking place in the City of Orlando; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando strives to end hunger and homelessness for all those in crisis, including the chronically homeless population, veterans, youth and families through services offered by the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness, Christian Service Center, Coalition for the Homeless, Community Food and Outreach Center, Dave's House, the Fresh Stop Bus, Healthcare Center for the Homeless, Homeless Service Network, Jewish Family Services, Orlando Union Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army, Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida and the Zebra Coalition; and

WHEREAS, these organizations provide food, shelter and services to men, women and children and serve thousands of families each year; these organizations also provide a coordinated effort in the City's Housing First strategy. This approach places chronically homeless individuals in permanent housing and then surrounds them with needed supportive services including mental health counseling, treatment for addiction, basic medical care and the skills to manage their home; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, the community is encouraged to wear purple and join volunteers in Downtown Orlando to promote awareness of hunger and homelessness and focus on how each of us can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUDDY DYER, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim Wednesday, November 16, 2016 as

“National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Day”

in the City of Orlando.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 14th day of November 2016.