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RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE

November 2022 Homelessness Awareness Month in Tuolumne County

- WHEREAS,** the month of November is recognized as Homelessness Awareness Month in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public and advocate with and on behalf of people experiencing homelessness about the many reasons people are homeless, including the shortage of affordable housing in Tuolumne County; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness, an advisory group to the Board of Supervisors, desires to increase awareness in the community about homelessness and the system of care that is being developed to engage homeless community members on a pathway to permanent housing; and
- WHEREAS,** the staff of the Tuolumne County Health & Human Services Agency, to include Social Services, Behavioral Health and Public Health, work professionally, compassionately, and with expertise to bring support and resources to those who are homeless and at risk of homelessness with a concerted effort for placement in permanent housing; and
- WHEREAS,** the many organizations in Tuolumne County committed to sheltering, providing supportive services, and/or basic resources to people experiencing homelessness, are essential to the overall homelessness system of care; and
- WHEREAS,** the recognition in Tuolumne County that homelessness and risk of homelessness is a serious problem for many individuals and families in Tuolumne County; and
- WHEREAS,** the January 2022 Point in Time homeless count identified 266 unhoused individuals in Tuolumne County to include 98 who are chronically homeless, 54 who have a mental illness, 36 with a substance use disorder, and 15 who are veterans, 169 people who became homeless while living in Tuolumne County and 24 people who became homeless while living in other counties; and
- WHEREAS,** the number of Cal Fresh recipients in Tuolumne County as identified by Health & Human Services Agency identifies over 500 individuals without a home address; and
- WHEREAS,** the Homeless Management Information System has recorded that, so far in 2022, 92 individuals moved to HUD defined permanent housing while 92 others remain in transitional housing; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Coalition for the Homeless reports that 37.2 million Americans live below the poverty level, 580 thousand Americans are homeless on a typical night, 44 million Americans are at risk of suffering from hunger, 1 out of 6 children in the United States live in poverty; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Conference of Mayors reports that top causes of homelessness among families were lack of affordable housing, unemployment, poverty, and low wages. The same report states that the top four causes of homelessness among unaccompanied individuals were lack of affordable housing, unemployment, poverty, mental illness and the lack of needed services, and substance abuse and the lack of needed services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims November 2022 as Homeless Awareness Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors encourages all residents to recognize that hundreds of people in Tuolumne County do not have housing or are vulnerable to homelessness and need support from county, city and tribal governments, both public and private service entities, and citizens to address the many challenges of homelessness.

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