



in Recognition of

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

November 16–22, 2025

WHEREAS, the theme of Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week 2025 is HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT AND FOOD IS A HUMAN RIGHT; and

WHEREAS, people from all walks of life, including individuals, families with children, employed and unemployed workers, elderly residents, veterans, disabled individuals, and youth are impacted by hunger and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the community recognizes that hunger and homelessness continue to be a serious problem for many individuals and families living in Arcata and no one should have to worry about whether they will have food on their plate or a roof over their head; and

WHEREAS, 18.9% of the population is below the poverty rate, 16.7% face food insecurity of whom 6000 are children, 30,000 residents are enrolled in Cal Fresh of whom 26% are children, and 80% of children qualify for free or reduced school meals. Most live on fixed incomes or survive paycheck to paycheck. Food for People distributed 2.6 million pounds of food serving 21,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, while homelessness creates barriers to accessing essential services such as affordable housing, health care, childcare and education, the cost of these necessities often contributes to hunger, food insecurity and people experiencing homelessness on any given night; and

WHEREAS, the aim is to eradicate homelessness by solving the root causes of it; to educate the public about the reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing for low-income residents; and to encourage support for the organizations committed to sheltering, providing support services as well as meals, food supplies, clothing, and hygiene products to the homeless and hungry; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Arcata that **November 16–22, 2025** is **HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK** and encourages all people in the community to work together to find meaningful solutions for these problems.

Dated: November 19, 2025

Alexandra Stillman, Mayor