

City of Eureka

Proclamation



In recognition of

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week November 13-21 2023

Whereas, the theme of National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week 2023 is BEING HOMELESS IS NOT A CRIME AND HOUSING 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 continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families living in Eureka, and no one should have to worry about whether they will have food on their plate or a roof over their head; *and*

Whereas, the California Center for Rural Policy reported in their Humboldt County Food Assessment that hunger is a daily experience and that more than 31% of adults experience food insecurity while 37% of households with children experience food insecurity. Most live on fixed incomes or survive paycheck to paycheck; *and*

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

Whereas, the aim of the National Coalition for the Homeless is to eradicate homelessness by solving the root causes of it; to educate the public about the many 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, I Mayor Susan Seaman, on behalf of the Eureka City Council, do hereby proclaim that November 13-21, 2023, is NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK and encourages all people in the community to work together to find meaningful solutions for these problems.

Kim Bergel
Mayor
November 7, 2023