

Proclamation

“NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH”

WHEREAS, THE National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness are sponsors of and have set November 2022 as National Hunger and Homelessness Month and November 12-20, 2022, as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; 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 Itasca County for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness month is consistent with local organizations who are committed to sheltering, providing supportive services as well as meals, basic needs and supplies to the homeless including; Kootasca Community Action, AEOA, Grace House, Northland Counseling Center, Salvation Army, Itasca County Veterans Services, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Itasca County Health and Human Services, First Call for Help, Advocates for Family Peace and other Housing Issues Advisory Committee members; and

WHEREAS, the Itasca County Board of Commissioners recognizes that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Itasca County; and

WHEREAS, people experiencing unsheltered homelessness (those sleeping outside or in places not meant for human habitation) may be at risk for poor health conditions. Lack of housing contributes to poor physical and mental health outcomes, and connections to permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness should continue to be a priority.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Grand Rapids hereby proclaims the month of November 2022 as “National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month,” and November 12th through 20th, 2022 as City of Grand Rapids National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to book a ride on goMARTI to take the shuttle to wherever they live, work and play.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto subscribed my name and the seal of the City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, this 10th day of October, Two thousand twenty-two.

Dale Christy, Mayor
City of Grand Rapids