



Town of Highland Beach, Florida

Proclamation

Declaring November 15-20 as National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

WHEREAS, the State of Florida ranks fifteenth in the nation for the highest homeless population and one in seven of the state's population struggles with hunger; and

WHEREAS, the last Palm Beach County Point-In-Time Count in 2022 identified 1,404 individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and the Palm Beach County Hunger Relief Plan indicates that more than 300,000 residents struggle with hunger, and;

WHEREAS, the purpose of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Palm Beach 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 Palm Beach County Homeless Advisory Board has developed Leading the Way Home, a robust ten-year plan, designed as the next phase of ending homelessness in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of the Homeless Advisory Board, Homeless Coalition, Homeless and Housing Alliance, Palm Beach County Food Bank, The Lord's Place, Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, Adopt-A-Family, and other service providers in Palm Beach County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I DOUGLAS HILLMAN, MAYOR of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, on behalf of Town Commission do hereby proclaim the week of November 15 – 22, 2022as:

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week In Palm Beach County

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida to be affixed this 1st day of November 2022.

**DOUGLAS HILLMAN
MAYOR**