



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of November 10-18 is recognized across the country as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and will be celebrated in Fort Collins to bring more awareness of this nationally recognized issue to the attention of the Fort Collins community; and

WHEREAS, every day, taxpayers are being affected by homelessness in Fort Collins due to the use of services like emergency rooms, ambulances and jails, which costs our community millions of dollars a year; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the Homeward 20/20, Homeless Day Services Initiative, the Murphy Center, Homelessness Prevention Initiative, the Community Dual Disorder Team, Catholic Charities Northern, and Homeless Gear are working together to lower the homelessness rate in Fort Collins and lessen the impact of this issue on both those experiencing homelessness and those who are indirectly affected; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins and the organizations that exist are working on an 8-year plan to end homelessness by using strategies to prevent people from becoming homeless and helping those who are homeless out of their situation. Raising awareness will help the community realize that homelessness is an issue that affects the community as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby declare November 10-18, 2012, as

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to recognize the needs of those among our community who are without any stable place to go home to. This week symbolically serves witness to the fact that we need to utilize the many talents within our community to most effectively address the systemic needs of our homeless population for the social, ethical and economic well-being of our city.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 6th day of November, A.D. 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk