

Whereas, the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have set aside the week before Thanksgiving as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

Whereas, during the Thanksgiving holiday, as we express our gratitude for the blessing in our lives it is also important to remember with compassion our neighbors who are experiencing hunger and homelessness; and

Whereas, there are many organizations in Broward County that are committed to providing shelter, housing and services to the more than 2,800 men, women and children who are experiencing homelessness on any given day; and

Whereas, the Broward Continuum of Care and its partner organizations have committed to ending homelessness in Broward County, as detailed in the 2018 updated "A Way Home Plan"; and

Whereas, the Broward Continuum of Care and its partner organizations work collaborative in helping local governments and law enforcement to avoid practices and laws that make it difficult for people experiencing homelessness to exit in our community and instead work together to fully implement the A Way Home Plan as well as promote alternative justice system strategies among law enforcement, behavioral health, and social service providers; and

Whereas, the Continuum of Care and its partner organizations encourage everyone in Broward County to recognize the many people affected by hunger and homelessness, and that every day they need our support and compassion,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Rex Hardin, Mayor, and the City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach, do hereby proclaim the week of November 19 through November 27, 2019 as:

"NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK"

in the City of Pompano Beach and urge all residents to support efforts to help in promoting awareness and prevention of hunger and homeless in our community.

Done this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2019.

Rex Hardin Mayor