

Proclamation

Almost Home, Inc. 30th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Almost Home, Inc. is celebrating its 30th anniversary this month with a mission to promote self-sufficiency and provide assistance to those experiencing housing instability; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Almost Home Shelter Coalition was formed, recognizing the significant need for shelter for our unsheltered neighbors. The coalition was co-founded by Sue Gomez, parish secretary for St. Augustine Catholic Church and Rev Dick Stratford of the First Baptist Church. The Almost Home Shelter Coalition was a volunteer group composed of several churches, organizations and concerned community members who wanted to do something to ease the plight of the homeless in the Brighton area; and

WHEREAS, through the hard work of the Almost Home Shelter Coalition, Almost Home, Inc. officially became a nonprofit in March 1993. The organization expanded its mission to focus on homeless prevention, providing direct financial assistance to those experiencing housing instability, including rent, mortgage and utility assistance; and

WHEREAS, Almost Home, Inc. has experienced tremendous growth over the last handful of years and in 2021, Almost Home, Inc. offices moved from Hughes Station Community Center to our current location in Historic City Hall to meet the needs of its expanding programs and staff. This month, Almost Home, Inc. proudly celebrates its 30th anniversary of providing programs and services to community members in need. The success of the organization would not have been possible without the passion, vision and leadership of the staff, board members, volunteers, and funders of the organization. The organization looks forward to many more years of finding creative solutions to confront and end homelessness in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize March 2023 as the 30th Anniversary of Almost Home, Inc. and celebrate its many contributions to the Brighton community.

DATED this 21st day of March 2023

CITY OF BRIGHTON

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