

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

WHEREAS, the City of Brighton, Colorado supports National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and moves to pronounce it Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, recognizing the importance of both increasing awareness of the broad reach of homelessness and hunger, and demanding bold action from a broad coalition of community and state partners across government, business, the nonprofit sector, and citizens alike; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless in our community; and to encourage support for hunger and homeless assistance service providers as we believe that everyone is worthy of safety, shelter and stability; and

WHEREAS, National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week is held each year the week before Thanksgiving, serving as an important reminder that for many children, families, seniors, veterans, and other community members in the City of Brighton are experiencing both housing instability and food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the City of Brighton, many organizations, such as Almost Home, Inc., the St. Augustine Community Food Pantry and the Knights of Columbus, are committed to building well-being by connecting residents to available programs and services, including the Annual Thanksgiving Meal Basket program, and encouraging all Coloradans to speak up and lend a hand so that the City of Brighton can be a City where everyone has a safe place to call home and enough food to eat; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brighton recognizes that hunger and homelessness are solvable issues, and every resident is encouraged to speak up in support of efforts to prevent, confront, and end homelessness and hunger and take actions such as volunteering, donating needed items, and supporting efforts by public leaders to increase affordable housing opportunities and food security with the goal of making homelessness and hunger history within our community, within our state, and within our lifetime.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim November 12 – 20, 2022 as NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK in the City of Brighton and that the Council encourages all residents to speak up, take actions, and to ask their leaders to commit to finding creative solutions to prevent and end homelessness

DATED this 15th day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

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Gregory Mills, Mayor

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