



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *homelessness has caused or hastened the deaths of inadequately housed low-income persons in Brevard County; and*

WHEREAS, *the spirit of the holiday season of giving provides an opportunity for affirmation and renewal regarding the commitment to end homelessness; and*

WHEREAS, *December 21st, the first day of winter and the longest night of the year, has been designated National Homeless Persons Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless; and*

WHEREAS, *the Brevard Continuum of Care (CoC) has planned county-wide memorial events recognizing those inadequately housed persons who have died in our County; and*

WHEREAS, *in this season of generosity and sharing, citizens of Brevard County are encouraged to commit themselves to promote compassion and concern for fellow citizens, especially those who are poor and homeless; and*

WHEREAS, *in remembering those who have died on our streets, in our emergency shelters and in condemned or abandoned properties from ailments or conditions directly related to homelessness, the cause of ending homelessness is kept urgent as is the collective commitment to preventing such deaths in the future.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Mayor Michael C. Blake, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida, do hereby proclaim December 21st, 2024 as:*

“National Homeless Persons Memorial Day”

WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cocoa to be affixed this 10th day of December, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk