

**PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_-2017**

**PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 11-19, 2017 AS  
NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, for more than 25 years the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners recognizes that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families; and

**WHEREAS**, Kitsap County is committed to making homeless rare, brief, and one-time in Kitsap County and ensuring that affordable housing is accessible to all Kitsap residents who need it;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Kitsap County for very low income residents, to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers, and to create community service opportunities for citizens in the communities of Kitsap County;

**WHEREAS**, there are many organizations committed to sheltering, providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to the homeless and hungry, including over 50 member organizations participating in the Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition and the Kitsap County Foodbank Coalition;

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 Kitsap organizations provided housing and homeless services for more than 2,700 households and affordable housing subsidies providing an additional 4,500 low-income households with stable housing;

**WHEREAS**, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is to shed light on the positive efforts of individuals and organizations in our community that are working to assist people with housing, food, employment and self-sufficiency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that November 11 – 19, 2017 as is hereby proclaimed

*NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK*

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners encourages all Kitsap County citizens to recognize that many people do not have access to the basic necessities of life, such as housing and food, and need support from citizens and

public and private service organizations.

**PROCLAIMED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017, in Kitsap County, Washington.

**KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**CHARLOTTE GARRIDO**, Chair

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**ROBERT GELDER**, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Dana Daniels, Clerk of the Board

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**EDWARD E. WOLFE**, Commissioner