

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 17-1290

In Recognition of 2017 National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week in the Denver Metro Area

WHEREAS, everyone has a right to healthy food and a safe place to live; and

WHEREAS, anyone of any age, background, or zip code can be affected by hunger and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, according to the Colorado Children's Campaign, nearly 1 in 6 Colorado kids face hunger every day. They may receive their only meal at school; and

WHEREAS, thousands of people in Denver work hard to secure a better future, but must choose between paying rent, buying needed medications, and purchasing groceries; and

WHEREAS, systemic issues of hunger and homelessness have a wide-ranging and harmful impact on individuals and on our community; and

WHEREAS, lack of sufficient healthy food stunts brain development and physical growth, diminishes motivation and productivity, hinders education, and deteriorates one's health; and

WHEREAS, support programs for people without enough money for food and housing help build a foundation for better, healthier, lives; and

WHEREAS, government agencies along with food pantries, shelters, faith-based groups, and other community-based organizations strive to address the needs in our community.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is intended to educate the public, raise awareness about poverty in our community, and encourage people to get involved with anti-poverty organizations.

Section 2. We recognize that many community organizations do impactful work to fight hunger and poverty, organize volunteers, and provide much-needed food and services that lift our entire community, including: Hunger Free Colorado, Metro Caring, Bienvenidos, Denver Inner City Parish, Servicios de la Raza, Community Ministry, and local school organized efforts such as Teller Backpack Friends, among many others.

Section 3. November 13-19 is declared as Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, and you are urged to donate to these organizations mentioned, a local food bank in your community, or Food Bank of the Rockies.

Section 4. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Hunger Free Colorado, Metro Caring, Bienvenidos, Denver Inner City Parish, Servicios de la Raza, Community Ministry, and Teller Backpack Friends.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 13, 2017

PRESIDENT