

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 16, 2019

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS
WEEK IN EATON COUNTY**

Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

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

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Eaton County for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to sheltering and providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to people experiencing homelessness, including SIREN/Eaton Shelter and Housing Services of Mid-Michigan; and

WHEREAS, this designation is recognized annually the week before Thanksgiving to bring greater awareness to the issues of hunger and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners recognize that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of SIREN/Eaton Shelter and Housing Services of Mid-Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims November 16-24, 2019 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners encourages all citizens to recognize that many people do not have housing and need support from citizens and private/public nonprofit service entities. Carried.