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## **PROCLAMATION HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, an average of 146 individuals experience homelessness on any given night in Waukesha County, including 237 students per year facing homelessness or severe housing instability in the Waukesha School District; and

**WHEREAS**, homelessness is a complex community crisis and people become homeless for many reasons, including a lack of affordable housing, unemployment or underemployment, physical disabilities, substance-use disorders, mental health issues, domestic violence and more; and

**WHEREAS**, the city actively fosters this vision through its support of local nonprofits and other key stakeholders in government, business, education, the faith community and elsewhere who collaborate and implement evidence-based solutions each day; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waukesha is committed to a future in which homelessness is rare, short-lived, and non-recurring. We can solve this crisis if we collaborate across sectors and invest wisely in best-practice interventions that help people secure and retain housing; and

**WHEREAS**, in its ongoing effort to expand community awareness about the issue of homelessness, promote critical dialogue, inspire solution-oriented action, and unite the community – those with housing and those without – United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County is hosting multiple events during the third week of October.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor of the City of Waukesha, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the week of October 17 through October 23, 2022 as:

### **Homelessness Awareness Week**

in the City of Waukesha and encourage all citizens to become educated about homelessness and support non-profit organizations that work to end homelessness.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Waukesha to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

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**Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor**  
City of Waukesha