

Proclamation

Board of Commissioners for Washington County

NATIONAL FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

October 18-25, 2020

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

WHEREAS, Family Promise of Washington County (opened in 1996), Family Promise of Beaverton (opened in 2018) and Family Promise of Tualatin Valley (opened in 2019) provide shelter and support services dedicated to helping the most vulnerable among us; and

WHEREAS, the national Family Promise support numerous congregations of our faith community, which provide the facilities to house and feed guest families, thereby making a real difference in the lives of their neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, believing that every child deserves a home, Family Promise shelters and more than 1,300 community volunteers empower families in making a transition from homelessness to sustainable independence; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2005 Family Promise began entering client data in the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) that reports Family Promise shelters have assisted more than 200 families on their journey from homelessness to housing stability;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to inform and educate the public about local homelessness and the Family Promise Giving Day on October 23, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 20th day of October, 2020, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby urges citizens to recognize and raise awareness of the issue of homeless children and families in our community and proclaim the week of October 18 to 25, 2020, as Family Promise Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Washington County Board of Commissioners encourages all citizens to recognize those people who do not have housing and need support from citizens and private, public and non-profit service entities.

Kathryn Harrington, Chair

Recording Secretary

Minute Order