

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 15-21, 2000 AS HOMELESS
AWARENESS WEEK 2000. IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 18, 2000

WHEREAS, for the past several years the National Coalition for the Homeless has sponsored National Homeless Awareness Week, and Governor Engler has designated October 15-21 as Homeless Awareness Week 2000; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Ann Arbor for very low income residents; and to encourage support of 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, providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to the homeless including: Ann Arbor Housing Commission, Avalon Housing, Inc., Bryant Community Center, Catholic Social Services, Dawn Farm, Domestic Violence Project, Father Patrick Jackson House, Food Gatherers, Inc., Home of New Vision, Housing Bureau for Seniors, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Michigan Ability Partners, Options Center, Ozone House, Salvation Army, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, SOS Community Services, St. Andrew's Breakfast Program, Washtenaw Affordable Housing Corporation, Washtenaw Housing Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Homeless Awareness Week 2000 is "You are the key to ending homelessness"; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Ann Arbor recognize that homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Ann Arbor; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Policy Board on October 5, 2000 and the Community Development Executive Committee on September 18, 2000 recommended that the Ann Arbor City Council declare the week of October 15-21, 2000 as Homeless Awareness Week 2000; and

WHEREAS, the intent of National Homeless Awareness Week is consistent with the Board of Commissioners Priorities

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 15-21 as Homeless Awareness Week 2000,

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