

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

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, *more than 580,000 Americans are without a home many of which suddenly become homeless due to eviction, disasters, domestic violence, lack of affordable housing or other crises and 44 million Americans are at risk of suffering from hunger; and*

WHEREAS, *the goal of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is to raise public awareness about the need for sustainable solutions and to improve resources for organizations that provide homeless assistance as well as opportunities for community service; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Des Plaines recognizes that hunger and homelessness continue to be serious problems for many individuals and families in our community, and we acknowledge the dedicated efforts of shelters, food banks, and social service providers in our city; and*

WHEREAS, *we encourage the residents to take part in supporting local food drives and homeless shelters year-round by volunteering, helping fundraise, or participating in events.*

Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim the week of November 11-18 as

NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

Dated this 6th day of November 2023.



Andrew Goczkowski, Mayor