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Board of Commissioners Proclaim the Week of November 13th-22nd as “National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week”

PAINESVILLE, OH, November 18, 2021 – With more than 37 million Americans at risk of suffering from hunger and 3.5 million without shelter every year, the Board of Commissioners were proud to join the “National Coalition for the Homeless” and the “National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness” in proclaiming the week of November 13th-22nd as “National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week”.

“Every person deserves to live their life without worrying whether they’ll have food on their plates or a roof over their head”, stated Board President John Hamercheck. “Project Hope for the Homeless is a great organization committed to providing people with meals along with sheltering, supplies, and supportive services”, he added. Currently, they are the only emergency shelter in Lake County and they have been operating since 1993.

“We are very pleased to recognize Project Hope for the Homeless today”, noted Commissioner John Plecnik. “Their success rate is incredible, given that 86% of their guests transition into positive housing situations once they exit the shelter”. Project Hope for the Homeless has served approximately 8,000 guests since their inception and can typically house up to (50) adults and children per night. They also offer a senior care transitional program and an aftercare program that has kept their recidivism rate around 6%.

“We are very proud Lake County has the resources and knowledge to help fight hunger and homelessness”, Commissioner Ron Young declared. He concluded, “If you or someone you know is in need of help, just dial 2-1-1 from any landline in Lake County or call (440) 639-4420 from a cell phone and you will receive information on how to secure a reservation”.

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