National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

2026

WHEREAS, National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week 2026 will be observed from November 15 through November 21, bringing communities together across the country to raise awareness about hunger and homelessness, and to promote education, service, fundraising, and advocacy efforts that support individuals in immediate need while advancing long-term solutions; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to draw attention to the critical and persistent problems of hunger and homelessness and educate the public about the many reasons people are experiencing hunger and homelessness, including the shortage of affordable housing in Orange County; and to encourage support for community providers operating homeless service programs, food banks, and food pantries; and

WHEREAS, the County of Orange recognizes that people across the country, including children, students, veterans and the elderly experience food insecurity and housing instability, with many more facing financial hardship where a single crisis can lead to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, local organizations provide homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, permanent housing programs, supportive services and food assistance to people experiencing homelessness and hunger including, but not limited to, the County's Office of Care Coordination and OC Outreach and Engagement, CalOptima Health, Orange County United Way, PATH, Volunteers of America (VOA), the HUB Resource Center, HIS- OC, Pathways of Hope, OC United, Delhi Community Center, Families Forward, the Friendly Center, Casa Youth Shelter, and Saturated His Love Foundation; and

WHEREAS, community leaders, such as Erika Robles from United Across Borders, Mark Lowry from the OC Food Bank - CAP OC, Michael Wright from Wound Walk, Claudia Keller from the Second Harvest Food Bank, and many others that tirelessly provide the necessary support to our vulnerable communities experiencing food insecurity, financial instability, and housing insecurity to ensure individuals have access to resources; and

WHEREAS, the County of Orange, in partnership and collaboration with the Commission to Address Homelessness and the Orange County Continuum of Care Board, is committed to preventing, addressing, and ending homelessness; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby proclaims November 15 to 21, 2026, as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and encourages all citizens to recognize that many people do not

have housing, struggle with hunger and food insecurity, and need support from citizens, and private, public and nonprofit service entities.