



PROCLAMATION

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, each year a week in November is designated “National Hunger and Homeless Week” in recognition of the problems of hunger and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Jeffco Public Schools and the Community and Family Connections department strive to provide educational stability, remove barriers for students experiencing homelessness, and connect families to community resources; and

WHEREAS, for over 50 years The Action Center in Lakewood, Colorado has provided an immediate and compassionate response to those experiencing hardship by offering the resources and services needed to stabilize lives and promote pathways to lasting change; and

WHEREAS, there are many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing, the challenges of physical and mental disabilities and the high cost of healthcare; and

WHEREAS, encouraging awareness of and support for homeless and hunger assistance service providers by all community members, including students and school service organizations, will begin to address the need within our community; and

WHEREAS, all leaders - education, law enforcement, government, and business - should collaborate to focus public attention on hunger and homelessness issues to identify, develop, and promote innovative answers to these critical community issues; and

WHEREAS, there is no countywide shelter in Jefferson County yet there are many organizations committed to sheltering and providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to people experiencing hunger and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, over 3,000 Jeffco students are considered homeless and receive assistance through the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and

WHEREAS the Governor of Colorado recognizes that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Colorado;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jeffco Public Schools (JPS) Board of Education recognizes that many students and families may be facing housing and food insecurity issues and encourages Jeffco residents to volunteer, donate and work with local partners to end hunger and homelessness by proclaiming **November 16-24, 2019** in Jeffco Public Schools as

Jeffco Public Schools Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Adopted this 7th day of November, 2019.

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ron Mitchell, President
Board of Education

ATTEST:

Amanda Stevens, Secretary
Board of Education