

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 16 - 24, 2019 AS
HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, for over 30 years The Homeless Coalition of Jasper and Newton Counties have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, hunger and homelessness continue to be a serious problem for 237 individuals and families in Joplin according to the 2019 Point In Time Count; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in the City of Joplin for very low-income residents; and to encourage support for 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 and providing supportive services, meals and food supplies to people experiencing homelessness including: Crosslines of Joplin, Lafayette House, Salvation Army, Soul's Harbor, Watered Gardens, Economic Security Corporation, and Lovin'Grace; and

WHEREAS, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of The Homeless Coalition.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gary L. Shaw, Mayor of the City of Joplin, Missouri, do hereby proclaim November 16-24, 2019 as

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in the City of Joplin and encourage all citizens to recognize that while many services exist locally, many people do not have housing and need support from citizens, and private/public nonprofit service entities.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of Joplin to be affixed this 18th day of November 2019.

Gary L. Shaw, Mayor