



# City of Winston-Salem

## Proclamation

### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**WHEREAS:** National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week is held each year the week before Thanksgiving in an effort to increase community activities highlighting the issues of hunger and homelessness; and

**WHEREAS:** The Bethesda Center for the Homeless was founded in 1989 to meet a growing community need for emergency shelter for the homeless and works 365 days a year to make a difference in the lives of those it serves; and

**WHEREAS:** The Bethesda Center has expanded its work to include supportive services to assist homeless women and men in the community work toward self-sufficiency; and

**WHEREAS:** from 2016 – 2017 the Bethesda Center has had a positive impact on decreasing the number of homeless in the Winston-Salem community by providing emergency night shelter to 564 citizens of Winston-Salem and by helping 102 men and women successfully transition into permanent housing; and

**WHEREAS:** The Bethesda Center has created a series of week-long events as part of National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week that will honor individuals and organizations that support the Center's work, as well as provide opportunities for the community to be involved in its efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLEN JOINES,** Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2017 through November 19 as

## **NATIONAL HUNGER and HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK**

in the City of Winston-Salem and I encourage all citizens to recognize and support the work that the Bethesda Center for the Homeless and its partner agencies are doing to address the complicated issues of homelessness and hunger in our community.

Given under my hand and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

ALLEN JOINES

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Mayor