

**PROCLAMATION HONORING
NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY**

WHEREAS, December 21, 2019 marks the first day of winter and is the longest night of the year; and

WHEREAS, in the season of generosity and sharing, citizens of DuPage County are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all, particularly during the winter months that pose extreme hardships for DuPage County citizens who are less fortunate and without homes; and

WHEREAS, hunger and homelessness continue to be a serious challenge for many DuPage County citizens who have the right to adequate food, housing, clothing, safety and health care; and

WHEREAS, homelessness raises one's risk of illness, injury and death; and

WHEREAS, the National Coalition of the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council have designated December 21, 2019 as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, December 21, 2019 a remembrance will take place in DuPage County to honor those who have passed away in 2019 as a result of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, by joining together and remembering our neighbors, we can honor their lives by working to provide solutions to end homelessness within the County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Daniel J. Cronin, Chairman of the DuPage County Board and Members of the County Board, do hereby declare December 21, 2019 as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day in DuPage County to remember those who have died homeless and to encourage citizens to support all local effort to resolve the factors that lead to homelessness within this County.

Enacted this 10th day of December, 2019 in Wheaton, Illinois.



*Daniel J. Cronin, Chairman
DuPage County Board*