



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: November 12, 2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Sherri E. Fleming,
County Executive for Health and Human Services and Veterans Service

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Approve proclamation regarding Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week to be held November 18, 2013 through November 24, 2013 in Travis County.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

The Ending Chronic Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) is hosting Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week activities, November 18, 2013 through November 24, 2013. This is an annual event that includes a week of programs designed to educate the Austin community on the root causes of hunger and homelessness in Central Texas. To learn more about ECHO's Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, visit: <http://www.austinecho.org/hweek/>.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of the proclamation.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is the largest annual event that connects policy makers, local business leaders, service providers, faith based organizations, and community members to engage in implementing active solutions and prevention methods for hunger and homelessness in Central Texas.

The Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week calls attention to those less fortunate while furthering ECHO's vision to create a community fiercely focused on ending homelessness.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

None

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to the County Judge's office, agenda@co.travis.tx.us by **Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.** for the next week's meeting.

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Proclamation

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) of Austin is the U.S. Department of Housing and Development's designated Continuum of Care for Austin and Travis County; and

WHEREAS, The National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness co-sponsor Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week nationally; and

WHEREAS, ECHO organizes and executes the activities of Austin-Travis County's contribution to Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, to be held in 2013 from November 17th to November 24th; and

WHEREAS, Travis County and ECHO are both dedicated to ending homelessness in Austin and Travis County through a Continuum of Care focused on decent, affordable, and permanent housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 17 – 24, 2013, AS

"HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK" IN TRAVIS COUNTY

AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS IN TRAVIS COUNTY TO SUPPORT THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AND ECHO'S EFFORTS TO END HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS IN TRAVIS COUNTY.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
COUNTY JUDGE

RON DAVIS
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

BRUCE TODD
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

GERALD DAUGHERTY
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

MARGARET J. GÓMEZ
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4



2013 Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week! Calendar of Events



Sunday Nov 17 th	Monday Nov 18 th	Tuesday Nov 19 th	Wednesday Nov 20 th	Thursday Nov 21 st	Friday Nov 22 nd	Saturday Nov 23 rd	Sunday Nov 24 th
<p><u>Homeless Sunrise Memorial</u></p> <p>6:57am The Homeless Memorial & Tree of Remembrance is at South First and Riverside Dr. at Auditorium Shores.</p>	<p><u>ECHO Annual Meeting</u></p> <p>3pm - At this meeting, ECHO's Work Groups will share their achievements and voting members will elect the 2014 Membership Council. A reception will follow. Location TBD.</p> <p>Please RSVP at http://www.austinecho.org/annual-meeting</p>	<p><u>Homeless and Mental Health Awareness Event</u></p> <p>3-4:30pm - Join us in listening to the story of a woman who has experienced mental illness and homelessness and persevered to become an advocate for those with mental and physical disabilities. Lifeworks - 835 N Pleasant Valley Rd <i>Coffee and snacks provided.</i> RSVP: dawn.buhler@austintexas.gov</p>	<p><u>Suggestion</u></p> <p>For our young advocates - Hold a hot coco stand and donate the proceeds to a local nonprofit!</p>	<p><u>MLF Event</u></p> <p>8:30-11:30 MLF's Community First Model Park will showcase features of their Community First Village, including carving out a garden bed & constructing a beehive.</p> <p>Sign up at mlf.org/volunteers</p>	<p><u>Suggestion</u></p> <p>Sign Up - Each Thanksgiving, Operation Turkey organizes volunteers to cook, prepare, and deliver thousands of hot meals to people in need.</p> <p>www.operationturkey.com</p>	<p><u>Hunger Event</u></p> <p>8am-2pm Volunteer at Johnson's Backyard Garden & then eat lunch (provided) while Capital Area Food Bank presents on hunger issues in Austin. Volunteers can be 12+ with parent/guardian!</p> <p>RSVP: dawn.buhler@austintexas.gov</p>	<p><u>Empty Bowl Project</u></p> <p>11am-3pm \$20 Join us for one of our City's tastiest and worthiest traditions - the Austin Empty Bowl Project at the Marchesa Hall & Theatre in Lincoln Village.</p> <p>For more information, go to www.austinemptybowl.org/</p>

Reading Guide for Children – Story times focused on hunger and homelessness throughout the week

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