## PROCLAMATION

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

## DECLARING NOVEMBER 10-18, 2018, AS HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, people from all walks of life, including individuals, families with children, employed and unemployed workers, elderly residents, veterans, disabled individuals, and youth are impacted by hunger and homelessness at some point in their lives. Either they themselves are directly impacted, or may be indirectly so because they know someone or know of someone who is. And;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and/or homeless, including the shortage of affordable housing for very low income residents in this city and throughout Palm Beach County; We must also encourage support for homeless assistance service providers, as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the 2018 National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is focused on bringing America home by eliminating barriers to accessing essential services, such as affordable housing, affordable health care, affordable child care, education, and the costs of basic necessities that often contribute to hunger, food insecurity, and people experiencing homelessness on any given night in Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County and across this state and the nation, and;

WHEREAS, the intent of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of the Homeless Advisory Board, Homeless Coalition, Homeless and Housing Alliance, Palm Beach County Food Bank, The Lords Place, Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, Adopt A Family, and many other service providers in Palm Beach County. The mission, however, is to curb the hunger and eliminate the need for all of the aforementioned agencies in this city, across this county and throughout Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Bishop Thomas A. Masters, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me by the residents of this great City do hereby proclaim the week of <u>November 10-18, 2018</u>, in the city of Riviera Beach, is hereby declared:

## Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

IN WITNESS THEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this \_7th Day of \_NOVEMBER, Two Thousand Eighteen, A. D.

ATTEST:

Thomas A. Masters, Mayor

Claudene L. Anthony, CMC, City Clerk