



Proclamation
A Proclamation to End Veteran Homelessness

Whereas, Veterans are national heroes and the City of Winooski appreciates their valuable contributions to the security of our residents and our nation. Vermont is home to nearly 43,000 Veterans, approximately 72 of whom are homeless and in urgent need of care and assistance; and

Whereas, Since the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness was launched on June 4, 2014, several governors, over 550 mayors, and more than 150 county officials nationwide have signed on to the Challenge and are committed to end Veteran homelessness in their communities by the end of 2019; and

Whereas, Chittenden County agencies use a Housing First approach, thereby removing barriers to helping Veterans obtain permanent housing as quickly as possible, prioritizing the most vulnerable Veterans, to identify and engage every Veteran experiencing homelessness; and

Whereas, Through partnership with the Vermont Veterans Committee on Homelessness, and Chittenden County Continuum of Care, increase early detection and access to preventive services so at-risk Veterans and their families remain stably housed; and

Whereas, Chittenden County agencies monitor progress toward the Challenge's goal, including the success of programs in achieving permanent housing outcomes; and

Whereas, the City of Winooski has signed on to this Nationwide Challenge to dramatically reduce the number of homeless Veterans and find permanent housing for at least the 16 homeless Veterans in the Chittenden County, Vermont area; and,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the City Council of the City of Winooski, Vermont, do hereby proclaim the month of November, as End Veteran Homelessness Month, encouraging Chittenden County Vermont agencies to allocate resources and programs to End Veteran Homelessness.

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