PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week is recognized with the purpose of educating the public on the current state of hunger and homelessness in our community, including the need for affordable housing in the City of Lewisville, and to encourage support for service providers as well as community service opportunities for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lewisville recognizes the need for continued and additional support to overcome the gap in existing systems with over 90,000 individuals living in Denton County experiencing food insecurity, an additional need of 4,598 affordable housing units in Lewisville available for households earning below 50% of the area median income, and 9.6% of Lewisville residents experiencing poverty as of July of 2022; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to fighting food insecurity and providing supportive services to people experiencing a housing or food crisis including: Christian Community Action, Denton County Friends of the Family, Journey to Dream, Serve Lewisville, SPAN, The Salvation Army, and United Way of Denton County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lewisville will continue its efforts to create and preserve affordable housing and support social service providers in their commitment to minimize hunger and homelessness in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TJ Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Lewisville, and on behalf of the Lewisville City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of November 11-18, 2023 be declared as:

"Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week"

in the city of Lewisville and encourage all residents to consider spending time this week volunteering and/or supporting local Lewisville groups and nonprofits that are focusing efforts to ensure all Lewisville residents have access to their basic necessities of food and housing.

PROCLAIMED this the 6th day of November, 2023.

TJ Gilmore, Mayor

City of Lewisville