RESOLUTION NAMING DECEMBER 21, 2014 NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, December 21, 2014 marks the first day of winter and is the longest night of the year;

WHEREAS, the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council have designated December 21, 2014 as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day;

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Homeless Memorial Walk of Remembrance will take place in Greensboro on Wednesday December 17,2014 to honor those who have passed away in 2014 as a result of homelessness;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That December 21, 2014 is hereby named National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day in Greensboro to remember those who have died homeless and to encourage citizens to come together to celebrate their lives by working to resolve the factors that lead to homelessness within the City.