

RESOLUTION NAMING DECEMBER 21, 2016 NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS'
MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, December 21st marks the first day of winter and is the longest night of the year; the City of Greensboro recognizes that winter poses extreme hardship to everyone especially people experiencing homelessness;

WHEREAS, recognized by cities nationwide, December 21st has been designated National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council;

WHEREAS, in the season of generosity and sharing, citizens of Greensboro are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all, especially those who are in need;

WHEREAS, hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious challenge for many Greensboro citizens; every citizen has the right to adequate food, housing, clothing, safety and health care;

WHEREAS, homelessness raises one's risk of illness, injury and death within every age group, and homeless citizens are three times more likely to die than the general population;

WHEREAS, by remembering our neighbors, we can honor their lives by working in unison to provide solutions to end homelessness within Greensboro.

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

That December 21, 2016 is hereby named National Homeless Person's Memorial Day in the City of Greensboro to remember those who have died homeless and to encourage all citizens to come together to celebrate their lives by working to resolve the factors that lead to homelessness within the City.