

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, winter poses an extreme hardship for extremely low-income inadequately housed and homeless men, women and children in our community, and each year, it is estimated 4.2 million youth and young adults in the United States experience homelessness of which approximately 700,000 are unaccompanied minors, those living without their parents; and

WHEREAS, some of the causes of youth homelessness include lack of affordable housing, unemployment, poverty, mental illness, substance abuse, family problems, and the lack of needed connections and services; and

WHEREAS, to help alleviate the homelessness of the youth of our nation, basic needs for them are required including a safe place to call home; a strong attachment to their families, community, school; positive social networks; education and training; social and emotional well-being; and stable employment for older youth; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of federal, state and local governmental agencies, and nonprofit and faith-based organizations to end youth homelessness by improving the data that identifies the causes, and providing the critical tools and services needed to assist young people achieve success; and

WHEREAS, locally, Starting Right, Now (SRN) whose motto is *Ending Homelessness One Child at a Time*, strives to meet the needs of the homeless and unaccompanied youth in our community with a goal of ending homelessness through a comprehensive curriculum that empowers youth including housing stability, one-on-one mentoring, academic support and promoting educational achievement, teaching financial literacy and life-skills, employment opportunities, access to health insurance, food stamps, and other important support services, and the organization's mission is to cure homelessness.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2019 as

“ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MONTH”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to recognize that services are needed by those less fortunate in our community and encourage the support of all private and public non-profit service organizations including Start Right, Now in working to meet those needs.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 18th day of November, 2019.





Mayor