

CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, adequate housing is essential for healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, winter poses a hardship to the 670 individuals and families in this year's Point in Time count in Yakima County – 242 of them unsheltered and another 353 staying in emergency shelters; and

WHEREAS, 74 of those staying in shelters or outdoors were children 18 years or younger; and

WHEREAS, approximately 60 individuals in our community are known to have died this year without a safe place to call home, or died too soon because of the experience of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, December 21st is National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day as designated by the National Health Care for the Homeless Council and the National Coalition for the Homeless, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the special challenges and trauma living without a safe place to call home presents to any man, woman, or child in our country, residents of Yakima are encouraged to promote compassion and generosity for all people, especially the poor and the homeless.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Janice Deccio, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 21st, 2022, as

“Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day”

in the City of Yakima and ask all residents to take a moment of silence in remembrance of those who passed from ailments or conditions related to homelessness and encourage support for local efforts to eliminate homelessness in our community.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2022

Janice Deccio, Mayor