

RES 17-073

Wilmington, Delaware
October 19, 2017

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WHEREAS, the nonprofit organization Charity Crossing recently organized a petition to recognize February 14, 2018 as “Socks for the Homeless Day” in Delaware to raise awareness of individuals, families, and others experiencing homelessness in the State of Delaware and the City of Wilmington and to encourage citizens to contribute to organizations that provide socks to those experiencing homelessness in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the total number of people experiencing homelessness in Delaware in 2016 was estimated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to be 750 individuals and 317 people in families with children. Among individuals, there were an estimated 51 unaccompanied youth, 107 veterans, and 65 people who chronically experience homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the total number of people who experienced homeless in 2016 increased by 12.3 percent since 2015, and an estimated 4.8 percent of those experiencing homelessness in Delaware were unsheltered in 2016; and

WHEREAS, as colder weather approaches, individuals, families, and others experiencing homelessness who lack access to amenities such as socks will face an increased risk of negative health impacts including frostbite, sepsis, deep bone infections, polyneuropathy, and neuropathic ulcers; and

WHEREAS, the petition to recognize February 14, 2018 as “Socks for the Homeless Day” could help spread awareness of a serious issue and help bring vital services to one of our most vulnerable populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that City Council supports Charity Crossing's petition to recognize February 14, 2018 as "Socks for the Homeless Day." Furthermore, City Council implores individuals and organizations in the City of Wilmington and the State of Delaware to be mindful of those experiencing homelessness in our communities, especially as cold weather approaches.

Passed by City Council,
October 19, 2017

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 16th
day of October, 2017.

Elizabeth D. Power
Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution supports recognizing February 14, 2018 as "Socks for the Homeless Day" and encourages all individuals and organizations to be mindful of those experiencing homelessness in the State of Delaware and the City of Wilmington.