



City of Largo, Florida

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MEMO DATE: December 11, 2007

AGENDA DATE: December 18, 2007, Regular Meeting

PREPARED BY: Jonathan Evans, Assistant to the City Manager
Shirley Frick, Executive Secretary

TITLE: **RESOLUTION NO. 1947 - DESIGNATING DECEMBER 21, 2007 AS NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY**

BACKGROUND:

National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day is celebrated annually on December 21st in cities and counties across the nation. This year, for the first time, memorial services will be held in municipalities throughout Pinellas County.

As work continues to prevent and end homelessness in Pinellas County, it is fitting that a Resolution from the City of Largo be acknowledged, read and displayed at the memorial services planned for December 21st at Pinellas Hope and St. Vincent de Paul Center to help raise the level of awareness of the continuing efforts to address the homeless issue.

OMB BACKGROUND:

Not applicable.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Not applicable.

CONSEQUENT ACTION:

None.

REVIEWED BY AND RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager and Assistant to the City Manager recommend approval of Resolution No. 1947 as submitted. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved Resolution No. 1947.

POTENTIAL MOTIONS:

I MOVE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1947.

Attachment: Resolution No. 1947

RESOLUTION NO. 1947

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA,
DESIGNATING DECEMBER 21, 2007 AS NATIONAL HOMELESS
PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY**

WHEREAS, safe, decent, adequate, accessible, affordable housing is a basic human right and is essential for healthy families and communities; and

WHEREAS, housing has become increasingly unattainable due to rising costs, inadequate wages and a shortage of low-income housing; and

WHEREAS, nationwide each year, an estimated 3.5 million people experience homelessness, with an estimated 5,195 homeless people in Pinellas County; and

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

WHEREAS, in this season of generosity and sharing, citizens of Largo are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all our neighbors, especially those who are poor and homeless; and

WHEREAS, in remembering those who have died while experiencing homelessness – deaths from street violence, exposure to the elements, and from ailments or conditions directly related to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Largo continues its commitment to preventing and ending homelessness in our city and joins in the efforts to preventing such deaths in the future;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA, HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

1. December 21, 2007, is declared **National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day** in Largo, Florida, and all citizens, including City employees, homeless service providers and advocates, faith communities, and business and civic leaders, are urged to join us in observances that will remember our deceased homeless neighbors in an atmosphere of dignity and reverence.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____, 2007.

CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

CityClerk

Mayor

Reviewed and Approved:

City Attorney