

WALK ON #1

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Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. 20051802

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:

WALK-ON

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION: HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY - COMMISSIONER JANES

2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:

4. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: #3

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5. MEETING DATE:

12-20-2005

6. AGENDA:

CONSENT
 ADMINISTRATIVE
 APPEALS

PUBLIC
 WALK-ON

7. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE
(SPECIFY)

STATUTE
 ORDINANCE
 ADMIN.
CODE
 OTHER

8. REQUEST INITIATED:

COMMISSIONER Commissioner Judah
DEPARTMENT County Commission
DIVISION _____

BY: _____

9. BACKGROUND:

10. REVIEW FOR SCHEDULING

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

11. COMMISSION ACTION

Approved
 Deferred
 Denied
 Other *Presented*



LEE COUNTY
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS:** Each year there are an estimated 3.5 million people nation wide who experience homelessness, and over 83,000 in the State of Florida; and
- WHEREAS:** The 2004 hurricanes destroyed over 20,000 homes and caused major damage to another 45,000 homes in the State of Florida; and
- WHEREAS:** Affordable housing financial assistance programs that produced 15,000 units in the State of Florida in 2004 are now able to only create 7,000 units with the same level of funding; and
- WHEREAS:** In the State of Florida, families with minor children make up over 38% of the total homeless population, with minor children representing 25% of the total number of persons experiencing homelessness; and
- WHEREAS:** There are over 2,000 homeless in Lee County on any given day. The homeless census completed in January 2005 documented 343 chronic homeless, 386 severely mentally ill, 457 chronic substance abusers, 238 veterans, 18 persons with HIV/AIDS, 117 victims of domestic violence and 139 children under the age of 18; and
- WHEREAS:** Remembering that lack of affordable housing, mental illness, substance abuse and chronic health problems or natural disasters could impact any individual and cause homelessness; and
- WHEREAS:** December 21, 2005, the longest night of the year, has been designated as a national day of remembrance of those members of our community who have died homeless in 2005, and
- WHEREAS:** National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day is sponsored by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, and is so observed in over 125 cities nationwide; and
- WHEREAS:** At least 31 homeless individuals have lost their lives in Lee County during this year and shall be remembered at the candle light vigil on December 21, 2005, at 6:00 p.m., Centennial Park, Ft. Myers, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida that we do hereby proclaim December 21, 2005 as:

HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY IN LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

recognizing the plight of the homeless and to encourage our citizens to join in the efforts of the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

Duly Executed this 20th day of December 2005.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Chairwoman