

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20061393

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:

Ceremonial Resolution recognizing National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:

4. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: #3

CP # 2

5. MEETING DATE:

November 7, 2006

6. AGENDA:

CONSENT
 ADMINISTRATIVE
 APPEALS
 PUBLIC
 WALK-ON

**7. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE
(SPECIFY)**

STATUTE
 ORDINANCE
 ADMIN.
 CODE
 OTHER

8. REQUEST INITIATED:

COMMISSIONER _____
 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



LEE COUNTY
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

- Whereas:** There are over 2,000 homeless in Lee County on any given day. The homeless census completed in January 2006 documented 318 chronic homeless, 429 severely mentally ill, 919 chronic substance abusers, 216 veterans, 42 persons with HIV/AIDS, 117 victims of domestic violence, and 145 children under the age of 18; and
- Whereas:** The primary cause of homelessness is the lack of housing that is affordable to very low income people, further complicated by domestic violence, substance abuse and mental illness; and
- Whereas:** The vision of the Lee County Homeless Coalition is to eliminate homelessness by coordinating local, state and federal resources with the community provider network and private citizens; and
- Whereas:** November 12 to 18, 2006 is designated as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week to bring awareness to the needs of the homeless; and
- Whereas:** The Lee County Homeless Coalition will sponsor several events during the Lee County National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week to promote awareness in the community; and
- Whereas:** On November 18, 2006 the "Homeless Persons Service Day and Veterans Stand Down" will offer employment opportunities, medical, psychological, addictions intervention, veterans services, spiritual counseling, clothing, food and other services at Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc., "The Soup Kitchen", in Fort Myers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida that we do hereby proclaim the week of November 12- 18 as:

**NATIONAL HUNGER and HOMELESSNESS
AWARENESS WEEK**

in Lee County and recognize that this is a day of special importance and is worthy of recognition by the citizens of Lee County.

Duly Executed this 7th day of November 2006.



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

Chairwoman