

~P R O C L A M A T I O N~

Whereas, December 21st marks the first day of winter and the longest night of the year; and

Whereas, Winter poses extreme hardship for unsheltered and inadequately housed members of our community; and

Whereas, nearly 9,000 people in Clark County experienced homelessness in the past year, with more than 5,000 of those residents becoming recently homeless; and

Whereas, the holiday season, rooted in compassion and generosity, calls for a sincere commitment to end homelessness, recognizing that lives hang in the balance; and

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

Now, therefore, we, the Clark County Council, do hereby proclaim December 21st, 2025 to be

Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

In Clark County, Washington. The Council encourages all residents to take a moment of silence in remembrance of those we lost to homelessness this year, to reflect on the challenges faced by those without safe and stable homes, and to support local efforts to eliminate homelessness in Clark County.

Dated this 2nd day of December 2025.

CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
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