

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ 2009**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 15-21, 2009 AS  
NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK  
IN KITSAP COUNTY**

**WHEREAS** *Helping the Homeless* is the theme of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Kitsap County Human Rights Conference on December 4, 2009; and

**WHEREAS** the number of those hungry and homeless has risen significantly because of the nationwide recession, especially families with children; and

**WHEREAS** many of our citizens must live in their vehicles or tents because we have insufficient family wage employment and low-income housing; and

**WHEREAS** our food banks and those providing free meals to the homeless are often struggling to meet the increased need; and

**WHEREAS** it is becoming increasingly difficult for those of limited means to get to free meal sites, medical care, employment, treatment, faith community and other normal needs because of decreased service and increased transit costs; and

**WHEREAS** homelessness takes a tremendous toll on the psychological, emotional, physical and spiritual well being of the hundreds of homeless children and youth we have in our county; and

**WHEREAS**, as a community we need to educate ourselves on how to reach out and help those in poverty; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims **November 15-21, 2009** as **National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week** in Kitsap County and encourages the participation of all citizens to educate themselves about the hungry and homeless and to donate to organizations to help eradicate hunger and homelessness.

**ADOPTED** this 9th day of November, 2009

**KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**Charlotte Garrido, Chair**

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**Steve Bauer, Commissioner**

ATTEST:

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**Josh Brown, Commissioner**

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Opal Robertson, Clerk of the Board