



# Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson  
Way  
Viera, FL 32940

## Resolution/Award/Presentation

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E.3.

12/17/2024

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**Subject:**

Resolution recognizing December 21<sup>st</sup> as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day - District 3

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Dept/Office:**

District 3 Commission Office

**Requested Action:**

Approve the attached resolution.

**Summary Explanation and Background:**

**Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

Please frame one (1) copy.



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December 18, 2024

**M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Commissioner Kim Adkinson, District 3

RE: Item E.3., Resolution Recognizing December 21<sup>st</sup> as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on December 17, 2024, adopted Resolution No. 24-134, recognizing December 21<sup>st</sup> as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

*Kimberly Powell*  
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

/sj

Encl. (1)

Brevard



County

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Resolution*

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*WHEREAS, the Brevard Continuum of Care (COC) has planned Countywide memorial events recognizing those inadequately housed persons who have died in our County; and*

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, recognizes December 21<sup>st</sup> as**

**NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY**

**DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.**

ATTEST:

  
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

  
ROB FELTNER, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



24-134

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FL

Meeting

Item: E.3

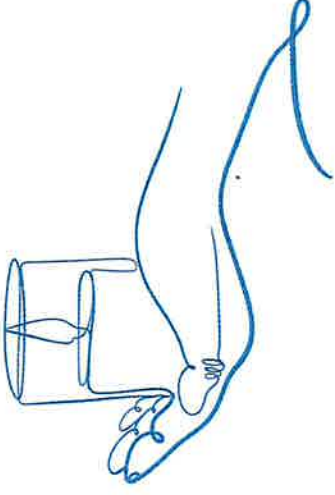
Motion By: KA

2<sup>nd</sup> By: TA

Commissioner	District	Yes	No
Delaney	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice Chair Goodson	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Atkinson	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Altman	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chair Feltner	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2024

# Homeless Persons Memorial Day




Join us as we honor those who died in our community during the past year while living unsheltered, in shelters, transitional housing, or uninhabitable places and spaces, and without a place to call home.

*December 21st*

The first day of winter.  
The longest night of the year.



# Join Us in Reflecting on 2024



## BREWARD HOMELESS COALITION

The annual PIT Count is a census of sheltered and unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness on a single night in January, while the HIC is an inventory of residential programs dedicated to serving the homeless population, both of which are critical for Brevard County in assessing the scope of homelessness. The data below reflects statistics for Brevard County.

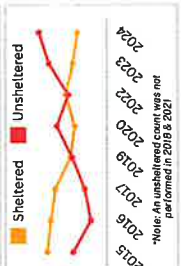
### 2024 POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) & HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT (HIC)

**779 UNSHELTERED** (+17%) on the streets or other places not meant for human habitation

**337 SHELTERED** (-13%) In Emergency Shelters (84), Transitional Housing (246), or Safe Havens (10)

**1,116** people experienced homelessness in Brevard County on the night of January 25th 2024

**2023 1,052** → **2024 1,116** (+6%) Highest Homeless Count Since 2015!



Note: An unsheltered count was not performed in 2018 & 2021

### HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT (HIC)

**1,656 TOTAL INVENTORY** Serving up to 820 individuals, 734 family members, & 2 unaccompanied minors

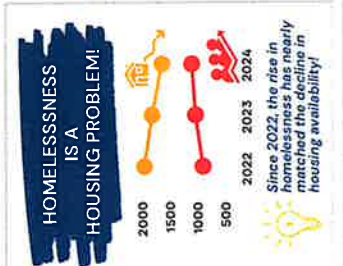
Category	Count	Percentage
Permanent/Supportive Housing	514	(31%)
Transitional Housing	376	(23%)
Other Permanent Housing	283	(17%)
Emergency/Short-Term Housing	36	(2%)
Unsheltered	81	(5%)

**UNSHeltered People**

Category	Count
Individuals	742
Families	25
Chronically Homeless	9
Other	670

**HOMELESSNESS IS A HOUSING PROBLEM!**


Since 2022, the rise in homelessness has nearly matched the increase in housing availability!



### OF THE UNSHELTERED POPULATION ARE INDIVIDUAL ADULTS

Families represent 5% of the total unsheltered population

**95%** Sheltered vs Unsheltered



### SHelter RATE BY SUB-POPULATION

Sub-Population	Rate
Individual Adults	21%
Families	79%
Veterans	67%
Elderly	31%
Youth	45%
Chronically Homeless	1%

### UNSHeltered SURVEY GEOGRAPHY

North 9% Central 40% South 51%

### UNSHeltered PERSONS: ESTABLISHED RESIDENCY IN BREWARD COUNTY

Residency Duration	Percentage
<1 year	10%
1-2 years	9%
3+ years	81%

### UNSHeltered VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

2023 65 → 2024 52

30% of sheltered veterans are chronically homeless

### CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

2023 207 → 2024 356 ↑72%

These homeless for longer than a year with a disability account for 45% of the unsheltered. Only 3 from this sub population had shelter.

**UNSHeltered LINKAGES TO INCARCERATION**

- 85% of unsheltered persons reported prior incarceration in the county/jail or in state prison
- 83% of unsheltered persons reported history for crimes
- 69% of unsheltered persons are chronically homeless
- 34% of unsheltered persons are in state prison

### RACIAL & ETHNIC DISPARITIES

BBI unsheltered homelessness has continued to increase 2x that of whites

Despite the disparity, the prevalence of sheltered whites in transitional housing is 2x higher than that of BBI (Black, Brown, Indigenous, People of Color (BBI))

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### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITION

231 / 31%

Unsheltered persons reporting a behavioral health condition

63% of those unsheltered reported a behavioral health condition

32% receive disability benefits

# Join Us in Taking Action



## 2025 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT EVERYONE COUNTS

The PIT Count provides a snapshot of the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Brevard County over the course of one night in January.

**WHERE?**

**Unsheltered Locations**

- Cars
- Parks
- Streets/Sidewalks

**Sheltered Locations**

- Transitional Housing
- Emergency Shelter



Volunteer

**WHEN?**

**Thursday,  
January 23rd  
2025**



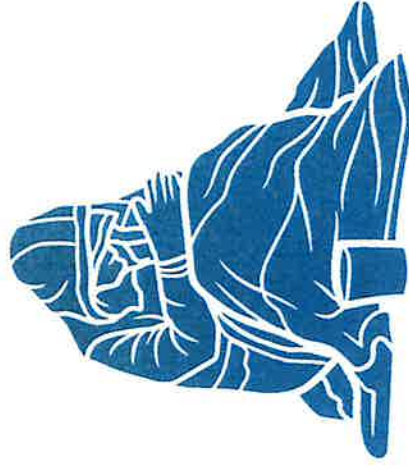
Provide

**WHY?**

- To Raise Community Awareness
- To Advocate for Local and Federal Funding
- To Understand Characteristics and Trends of Homelessness
- To Engage our Community in Ending Homelessness



Give



Since 1990, hundreds of cities representing 30+ States and the District of Columbia have participated in the National Homeless Persons Memorial Day.

Let's make this a year of increased awareness and advocacy by memorializing the lives that have been lost in Brevard County, as we work throughout the coming year to end homelessness.



## Solving homelessness saves lives.

Non-elderly people experiencing homelessness have a mortality rate that is 3.5 times *higher* than housed individuals.

Homelessness is associated with a 60% *higher* mortality risk than poverty alone.

More unsheltered people die of *manageable* chronic health conditions, like diabetes.

Those experiencing homelessness are expected to pass away *before* reaching their 60's.

Death rates among the homeless are *higher* on days of extreme heat.

A 40-year-old homeless person faces a similar mortality risk as a housed person nearly 20 years *older*.

*Join Us*  
in Remembering

Those Lost

***December 19th, 2024***

**1:30-2:30 pm**

1710 Hickory St, Melbourne

Hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes

& Daily Bread

**6-7 pm**

509 Blake Ave, Cocoa

Hosted by The R.E.A.L. Church

**6-7 pm**

Sand Point Park Pavilion,

Titusville

101 N. Washington Ave.

Hosted by Under the Bridge  
Ministries