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WHEREAS, homelessness is a human tragedy that needs to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will be held on January 27, 28, and 29, 2015; thousands of volunteers will partner with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to conduct the street count enumeration that has occurred every two years since 2005; and

WHEREAS, the count itself is federally-mandated, but the purpose and benefits of conducting the Homeless Count goes far beyond meeting a requirement; the data gathered in January will be extremely valuable to efforts to reduce and end homelessness across Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Count will help service providers, policy makers, local governments, elected officials and other stakeholders understand the geographic and demographic diversity of homelessness so that the types of services and housing provided are responsive to the need; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Count data collection provides an opportunity to track changes in the numbers and characteristics of the homeless population over time, and to monitor progress towards ending homelessness; and

WHEREAS, we must make every effort to support this process and encourage volunteer participation in this important endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will increase public awareness of homeless issues and will generate new data and public support for solutions that help end homelessness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the adoption of this Resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby proclaims January 27-29, 2015, as Homeless Count Week 2015 and encourages City Departments and agencies to support the Homeless Count.

PRESENTED BY:

JOSÉ HUIZAF

Councilmember, 14th District

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