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Proclaiming March 9, 2018 as EVERYONE IN Day in the County of Los Angeles

On March 7, 2017, almost 70% of the voters of Los Angeles County (County) fervently registered their whole-hearted support to dedicate resources to provide multi-dimensional solutions to help people experiencing homelessness in the County. In October 2017, the County began receiving the revenue from the 10-year special sales tax (also known as Measure H). In partnership with experienced community-based nonprofit organizations and the 88 cities (among a multiplicity of stakeholders), the County has started expanding outreach, health and mental health services for persons living on the street; increasing the number of interim housing options with enhanced services; and rapidly deploying home-based support services for formerly-homeless people who have moved into stable housing environments.

Thanks to the infusion of Measure H resources, from July-December 2017, the expanded street outreach teams have connected with over 7,500 people experiencing homelessness on the street: almost 3,000 people have been linked to essential

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services, almost 500 people have been safely moved indoors into temporary housing (including motels and recuperative care), and almost 100 people have received their own keys to stable, affordable housing that includes support services. Throughout the County, community-based organizations are actively seeking recruits (including persons who have experienced homelessness) for over 1,000 Measure H-funded positions, so that these essential homeless services can continue to grow over the next year.

To mark the one-year anniversary of Measure H, the coalition of public and private stakeholders that helped the County pass this historic revenue measure will convene in Echo Park on March 9th, 2018 to launch the “EVERYONE IN” campaign. Over the next ten years, the EVERYONE IN campaign, which is led by the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, and includes philanthropy, faith-based entities, business groups, academic institutions, community-based nonprofits and people who have experienced homelessness, will communicate, engage, and activate people across the County to continue the Measure H momentum, learn more about Measure H progress and join together to become a part of the solution in creating better lives for all who are experiencing homelessness.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclaim March 9th, 2018 as EVERYONE IN Day in the County of Los Angeles (County) in order to commit to supporting and participating in this critical Countywide effort, and encourage all to become actively engaged in ending homelessness in the County.

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