

**CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

A PROCLAMATION TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, Veterans are national heroes and the City of Barre appreciate their valuable contributions to the security of our residents and our nation. Vermont is home to nearly 43,000 Veterans, approximately 73 of whom are homeless and in urgent need of care and assistance; and

WHEREAS, Since the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness was launched on June 4, 2014, several governors, over 550 mayors, and more than 150 county officials nationwide have signed on to the Challenge and are committed to end Veteran homelessness in their communities by the end of 2019; and

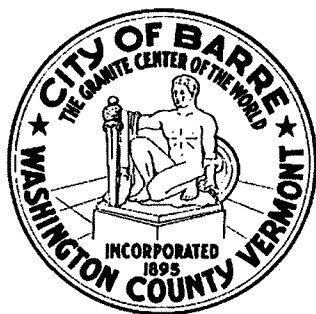
WHEREAS, Central Vermont agencies use a Housing First approach, thereby removing barriers to helping Veterans obtain permanent housing as quickly as possible, prioritizing the most vulnerable Veterans, to identify and engage every Veteran experiencing homelessness; and

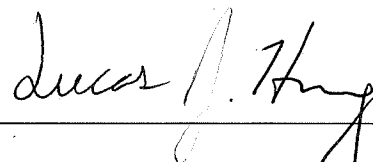
WHEREAS, Through partnership with the Vermont Veterans Committee on Homelessness to increase early detection and access to preventive services so at-risk Veterans and their families remain stably housed; and

WHEREAS, Central Vermont agencies monitor progress toward the Challenge's goal, including the success of programs in achieving permanent housing outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Barre has signed on to this Nationwide Challenge to dramatically reduce the number of homeless Veterans and find permanent housing for at least the 17 homeless Veterans in the Washington County, Vermont area; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lucas J. Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim the month of November as End Veteran Homelessness Month and encouraging Central Vermont agencies to allocate resources and programs to find permanent housing and other resources for homeless veterans in Washington County and throughout Vermont.





Lucas J. Herring, Mayor