

# THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



## CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

April 5, 2018

HONORING

### PROJECT HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS**, in the early 1990's, an ecumenical group of leaders from churches, organizations and local governments were asked to participate in a meeting by the Catholic Commission of Lake and Geauga counties to discuss the growing problem of homelessness in our area; and

**WHEREAS**, since that first meeting, Project Hope for the Homeless was born and has grown from a temporary, seasonal shelter to a year-round program in a permanent, expanded location offering comprehensive programs that have made a tremendous impact to the lives of members in our community. Project Hope for the Homeless not only provides emergency shelter, but also care and guidance to individuals and families seeking independence. Project Hope for the Homeless continues to expand in order to meet the County's changing needs; and

**WHEREAS**, during the past year, nearly 500 adults and children were served by Project Hope and many were assisted in making a positive transition out of the shelter. Project Hope expanded the "Families Moving Forward" Program which provides a safe daytime facility while the homeless shelter is closed.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Lake County Commissioners extends its genuine gratitude to the staff and leadership of Project Hope for the Homeless who have embraced and sustained its mission for 25 years. We wish Project Hope continued resolve and renewed dedication to guiding members of our community to a productive, safe and independent life.

  
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