



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 23, 2018 AS
"LAKE COUNTY POVERTY AWARENESS DAY"**

WHEREAS, Lake County is a proud supporter of The Lake County Community Foundation's mission to improve the quality of life of the county's most vulnerable residents through its civic leadership, promotion of collective philanthropy, and partnership with grant recipients; and

WHEREAS, Lake County is recognized as one of the wealthiest counties in the United States, yet has the most unequal distribution of wealth in all of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the suburban poverty rates have doubled since 2000, outpacing urban poverty rates; and

WHEREAS, in Lake County*, one out of every three people experiencing homelessness in Lake County is a child; more than 56,000 of Lake County residents are food insecure, including 16 percent of all Lake County's children; and 24,263 Lake County residents live in extreme poverty and are on the verge of crisis; and


WHEREAS, on January 23, 2018, The Lake County Community Foundation will hold "Right Now in Lake County," featuring nationally known social policy expert, scholar, and author, Dr. Scott W. Allard, to share insight from his book *Places in Need: The Changing Geography of Poverty* with an audience of community, civic, business and nonprofit leaders, philanthropists, donors and concerned citizens, and members of the media to shine a light on the issue of poverty in our suburbs, and

WHEREAS, The Lake County Community Foundation has a stated goal of being a strong, nimble leader to help grow philanthropy and drive charitable impact across Lake County, and believes in the power of community and collective philanthropy to change lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor, do hereby publicly declare January 23, 2018 as "**Lake County Poverty Awareness Day**" in Lake County, Illinois and invite all Lake County municipalities to proclaim this day the same in their respective communities, and provide this document to attest to the same.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois on January 22, 2018.





Aaron Lawlor, Chairman
Lake County Board

*Sources: Lake County Community Health Improvement Plan; The 2016 Map the Meal Gap produced by Feeding America for Northern Illinois Food Bank; Lake County Coalition for the Homeless: www.lakecountyhomeless.org/the-facts/