PROCLAMATION

CITY OF ROSEBURG, OREGON

Homeless Youth Awareness Month

WHEREAS: In 2007, Congress first recognized November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month to increase understanding of youth homelessness, its causes, and potential solutions, and to highlight the need for prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS: Students experiencing homelessness face significant challenges, including frequent school and residential mobility that disrupt their education and well-being, unmet basic needs, and trauma related to housing instability; and

WHEREAS: Infants experiencing homelessness are at higher risk for illness and developmental concerns, and families experiencing homelessness experience increased child welfare involvement and difficulty maintaining school attendance; and

WHEREAS: Youth experiencing homelessness on their own are more likely to be victims of physical and sexual abuse, labor or sex trafficking, and other forms of exploitation; and

WHEREAS: A disproportionate number of youth experiencing homelessness are members of historically underserved populations; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 560 (4.3%) of K-12 students experienced homelessness in Douglas County during the 2024-2025 school year; and

WHEREAS: Schools and organizations nationwide continue to recognize November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, supporting efforts to meet the needs of children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness and strengthening commitments to prevent and end youth homelessness; and

WHEREAS: A public forum will be held on November 16 at the Roseburg Public Library to present key findings from the Douglas County Homeless Youth Solutions Initiative “Roadmap,” featuring a panel of speakers and opportunities for community discussion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Larry Rich, Mayor of the City of Roseburg, do hereby proclaim November 2026 as

Homeless Youth Awareness Month

DATED this 9th day of November 2026

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Honorable Mayor Larry Rich