

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2011-4607, by Representatives Kenney, Moscoso, Haigh, Hunt, Hasegawa, Dickerson, Cody, Hunter, Darneille, Dammeier, Smith, McCoy, Santos, Ryu, Maxwell, Johnson, Sells, Condotta, Ormsby, Roberts, Green, Miloscia, Moeller, and Reykdal

WHEREAS, The Great Recession has increased homelessness among individuals, children, and families while straining many sources of public and private help for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, The new National Alliance to End Homelessness report on The State of Homelessness in America 2011 shows that economic hardships have greatly increased the risk that more Americans will fall into homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Shelter is a basic need, and its absence takes a harmful toll on physical and mental health, personal development, the education of children, and the ability to exercise individual rights and obligations; and

WHEREAS, No person should be deprived of a decent quality of life or subjected to discrimination or harassment because they are homeless; and

WHEREAS, Caring volunteers are fanning out across Washington on January 27, 2011, for the annual Washington State Point in Time Count of Homeless Persons, which helps Washingtonians realize that the homeless do count; and

WHEREAS, Solutions to homelessness will only be found, and can only work, when government, business, philanthropies, nonprofit leaders, and private citizens work together in common purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Washington House of Representatives is united in believing that increasing awareness and promoting a true understanding of the causes and realities of homelessness is essential to reaching out to the homeless and finding solutions to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gregoire has proclaimed January 27th as Homeless Awareness Day in Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor all the volunteers who make the Washington State Point in Time Count of Homeless Persons possible, and urge the people of Washington to take time on January 27th and other days to give thought to the homeless men, women, and children in our state, and to consider their struggles with compassion; for these are our fellow Washingtonians.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4607 adopted by the House of Representatives
January 26, 2011

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk