



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 23, 2019 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 nearly reached double digits, increasing pressure for a community-wide response; and

**WHEREAS**, in Lake County\*, one out of every three people experiencing homeless in Lake County is a child; more than 47,000 of Lake County residents are food insecure; and 26,223 Lake County residents live in extreme poverty and are on the verge of crisis; 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 Chair Sandy Hart, do hereby publicly acknowledge January 23, 2019 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 23, 2019.



Sandy Hart, Chair  
Lake County Board