



Homeless Persons' Remembrance Day
December 21, 2024

Whereas, December 21, 2024, marks the first day of winter and the longest night of the year; and

Whereas, December 21 has been designated National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for The Homeless and the National Health Care for The Homeless Council and is so recognized by cities nationwide; and

Whereas, the winter poses extreme hardship for unsheltered and inadequately housed low-income individuals and thousands die each year without stable housing; and

Whereas, the spirit of the holiday season of giving provides an opportunity for affirmation and renewal regarding our commitment to end homelessness; and

Whereas, the City of Avondale strives to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring by providing leadership, coordination, planning, and mobilization of a robust array of human services; and

Whereas, in this season of generosity and sharing, residents of Avondale are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all and remembering those who have died homeless; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Pineda, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona, proclaim December 21, 2024, to be designated as Homeless Persons' Remembrance Day in Avondale, Arizona, and urge all citizens to participate in observance of this historic event in remembrance of those who have died homeless and encourage our citizens to support all local efforts to eliminate homelessness in our communities.

Mayor

City Clerk

Attest: