PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for more than 25 years the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Orchard, recognize that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Orchard is committed to making homeless rare, brief, and one-time in Kitsap County and ensuring that affordable housing is accessible to all Port Orchard residents who need it; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Port Orchard for very low income residents, to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers, and to create community service opportunities for citizens in the communities of Port Orchard; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to sheltering, providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to the homeless and hungry, including member organizations of the Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition and the Kitsap County Foodbank Coalition; and

WHEREAS, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is to shed light on the positive efforts of individuals and organizations in our community that are working to assist people with housing, food, employment and self-sufficiency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Putaansuu, Mayor of the City of Port Orchard, do hereby proclaim November 14 – 20, 2016 as:

NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Port Orchard and I call upon all employees and citizens of the City of Port Orchard to observe this week with appropriate recognition whereof.

Signed this 14th day of October, 2016

Robert Putaansuu, Mayor