## <u>Suggested Motion:</u> Retroactively approve proclamation for Cass Clay Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Board of County Commissioners

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## JOINT CITY/COUNTY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, homelessness is a critical issue affecting individuals and families across our region, with far-reaching impacts on health, safety, and economic stability; and

**WHEREAS**, Cass County joins the cities of Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo, Dilworth, and Horace and Clay County recognizing the fundamental need for coordinated and comprehensive approaches to addressing homelessness in our communities; and

WHEREAS, local service providers, community organizations, and government agencies have long been dedicated to addressing homelessness, yet there remains a need for enhanced collaboration and strategic alignment to ensure the most effective and lasting solutions; and

WHEREAS, stable and affordable housing is essential for the well-being of our residents and the overall strength of our communities, requiring leadership, policy innovation, and resource alignment to prevent and end homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, ending homelessness means making it rare, brief, and one-time by preventing homelessness whenever possible and ensuring that when homelessness does occur, it is quickly resolved with permanent housing solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the cities of Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo, Dilworth and Horace; and counties of Cass and Clay are committed to fostering regional cooperation and ensuring that homelessness is addressed with urgency, compassion, and evidence-based strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of the Cass Clay Interagency Council on Homelessness, led by United Way of Cass-Clay and the FM Coalition to End Homelessness will bring together local governments, service providers, advocates, and those with lived experience to drive solutions, align resources, and implement strategies that prevent and end homelessness in our region; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council will serve as a collaborative forum for policy development, data-informed decision-making, and the advancement of best practices to reduce homelessness and support pathways to stable housing;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Cass County does hereby proclaim our commitment to addressing homelessness as a regional priority and formally announce the formation of the Cass Clay Interagency Council on Homelessness, encouraging all residents, organizations, and leaders to join in this vital effort to ensure that everyone in our communities has a safe and stable place to call home.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we hereunto set our hands and cause this proclamation to be duly executed on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025. Signed,

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Tony Grindberg, Cass County Commission Chairman