



WEST PALM BEACH

### City Commission Agenda Cover Memorandum

<b>Originating Department:</b> Mayor/Admin (MA)	<b>Meeting Type:</b> Regular	<b>Advertised:</b> Required?: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<b>ACM#:</b> 22764
	<b>Agenda Date:</b> 01/13/2020		

**Subject:**

Proclaiming the week of January 20, 2020 as: Stand Down Week.

Proclamation to be accepted by Casimiro H. Crockett, Ph.D., Deputy Director of Faith\*Hope\*Love\*Charity, Inc.

**Ordinance/Resolution:**

**Staff Recommended Motion:**

**Background:**

**Fiscal Note**

Current Year:	Annualized:	Budgeted:	Unbudgeted:	Funding Source:
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**Comment:**

**Electronic Attachments:** [Click here for assistance with naming convention.](#)

Is this ACM related to a **Grant**?  Yes  No

Is this ACM related to **Housing**?  Yes  No

Originating Department - Approved by: Christine Brevik on 12/19/2019



**Agenda Category/Status**

[Action requested by Reviewer before approval .](#)

12/19/2019 City Administrator

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# *The City of West Palm Beach*

## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, Faith\* Hope\* Love\* Charity, Inc. (FHLC) opened the doors of the Stand Down House in May of 2000 to provide emergency/transitional housing and supportive services for veterans struggling with addictions, mental illness, PTSD, traumatic brain injuries and physical limitations; and

**Whereas**, since the inception of Stand Down House, more than 2,000 veterans have received supportive services. Stand Down House has had a long-standing relationship with WPB VAMC since 2000 for emergency housing/supportive services and in 2004 was awarded a grant for Transitional Housing with the Department of Veterans Administration; and

**Whereas**, in 2010, FHLC opened the doors to First Stop Housing for homeless/at risk female veterans and families making units available for emergency/short term housing and to lend a hand-up to those struggling due to mental health issues, physical or economic crisis; and

**Whereas**, in 2012, FHLC was awarded the Supportive Services for Veterans' Families Grant by the Department of Veterans Administration. Since then, approximately 7,602 families have been placed in permanent housing and/or have been assisted in maintaining housing. Additionally, the Forward March Program has assisted over 600 veterans by placing them into permanent jobs with an average wage of \$15.00 per hour; and

**Whereas**, FHLC has embarked upon a new initiative called The Village of Valor to provide safe and affordable housing to our Military Heroes and their families. The Village of Valor will be a place that will honor these heroes with a safe and supportive environment, where their dignity can be restored. This is the long-term plan to eliminate homelessness of our veterans and their families in the City of West Palm Beach and Palm Beach County and

**Whereas**, the City of West Palm Beach and FHLC share the common interests of providing safe and affordable housing and supportive services to our military veterans and their families and in eliminating veteran homelessness

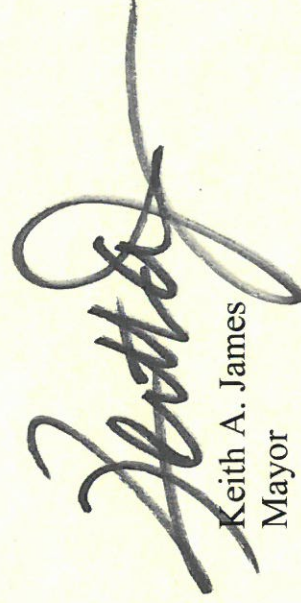
**Now Therefore**, I, Keith A. James, Mayor of the City of West Palm Beach, do hereby proclaim the week of January 20, 2020 as:

### **Stand Down Week**

### **An Initiative of Faith\* Hope\* Love\* Charity, Inc.**

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of West Palm Beach, Florida to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.



  
Keith A. James  
Mayor