

City Of Raleigh

North Carolina

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ending Homelessness is a national, statewide, Triangle-wide, and local initiative, with more than 300 communities across the United States and more than 20 cities and counties across North Carolina, including Raleigh/Wake County, Durham/Durham County, and Chapel Hill/Orange County each adopting and implementing Ten Year Plans to End Homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that nearly 200,000 veterans are homeless on any given night across the country, and nearly 400,000 experience homelessness over the course of a year; and,

WHEREAS, 226 veterans were identified in the Triangle as homeless on just one night in January, 2008, and last year the South Wilmington Street Men's Shelter served 289 homeless veterans; and

WHEREAS, nationally 33% of the male homeless population are veterans; and,

WHEREAS, America's homeless veterans have served in all wars and military conflicts since WWII; and

WHEREAS, veterans are now returning to our community from active, wartime duty in Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom) and Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom); and,

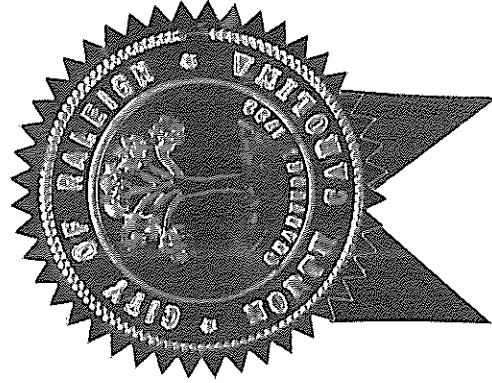
WHEREAS, on March 27, 2008, Raleigh/Wake County is hosting the Capital Area Homeless Veterans Stand Down to assist local veterans experiencing homelessness access a wide range of services and connect with service providers in one place on one day with the ultimate goal of becoming employed, obtaining permanent housing and achieving stability in their lives; and,

WHEREAS, in support of the 2008 Capital Area Homeless Veterans Stand Down and in support of the estimated 200 veterans expected to attend and receive assistance;

NOW THEREFORE, do I, Charles Meeker, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina hereby proclaim March 27, 2008, as

CAPITAL AREA HOMELESS VETERANS STAND DOWN DAY

and challenge citizens, businesses, civic organizations, and faith communities to support this and other efforts to end and prevent homelessness in our community.



IN WITNESS THEROF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Raleigh, to be affixed this 18th Day of March 2008.

Charles Meeker
Mayor