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Whereas over 1.5 million students qualify as homeless in the United States annually under the McKinney Vento Act;

Whereas, an estimate 41,487 youth qualified for the homeless education program in the state of Georgia during the 2023-24 school year;

Whereas, an estimated 1,099 children and youth experienced homelessness in Forsyth County Schools during the 2023-24 school year;

Whereas youth experiencing homelessness on their own are more likely to be victims of physical and sexual abuse and other forms of exploitation;

Whereas students experiencing homelessness continue to face challenges due to high levels of school mobility, housing transitions, educational disruption, and a lack of access to basic needs;

Whereas homeless children and youth experience homeless-related trauma and stress;

Whereas youth without a high school diploma or GED are 346% more likely to experience homelessness than their peers who completed high school (National Center for Homeless Education, n.d.);

Whereas in 2007 Congress passed the inaugural recognition of November as “National Homeless Awareness Month” ([Senate Resolution](#); [House Resolution](#)) to raise awareness about youth homelessness;

Whereas schools, non-profits, community agencies, and partners work together to raise awareness and resolve problems facing homeless children and youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that November is recognized as Homeless Awareness Month in Forsyth County Schools, and the Board commits to increasing awareness, providing resources, and collaborating with local organizations to support homeless students.

This 12th day of November 2024.

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