

Proclamation

Emergency Shelter and Homelessness Service Worker Appreciation Week

January 24 – 30, 2022

WHEREAS this week recognizes emergency shelter workers and homelessness service workers for the essential role they play in delivering more than 100 emergency shelter programs operating 24-hours a day in Toronto.

These programs include street outreach, shelters, 24-hour respite sites, warming centres and temporary homeless shelters opened as part of the City's COVID-19 response, as well as drop-in services and a range of supports provided to people experiencing homelessness. This week, we recognize the commitment and dedication of all those who work to deliver and administer programs, services and supports to some of our most vulnerable residents.

Emergency shelter workers and those who work with people experiencing homelessness deliver compassionate care focused on the unique and specific needs of unhoused communities. Their tireless advocacy and dedication helps provide people experiencing homelessness the opportunities they need to establish critical supports and stability in their lives, opening up a path to find safe and secure housing.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our emergency shelter and homelessness service workers continue to play a vital role in keeping at-risk residents safe and providing the services they need. I would like to thank all emergency shelter workers and homelessness service workers in our city who have been on the frontlines since the onset of the pandemic. This week gives us the opportunity to honour the dedication and commitment they show each day to the people they serve.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **January 24 – 30, 2022** as "**Emergency Shelter and Homelessness Service Worker Appreciation Week**" in the City of Toronto.



John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

