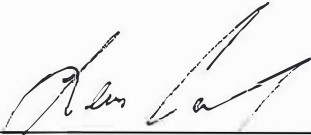


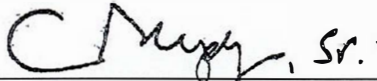


**Town of Fairhaven**  
**Massachusetts**  
Office of the Select Board  
**Proclamation**

- Whereas:* On behalf of the Fairhaven Select Board, we express our profound gratitude to the employees, volunteers, and residents who played an instrumental role in rendering invaluable assistance to the unsheltered migrant families arriving at the Seaport Inn on October 6, 2023; and,
- Whereas:* the exemplary selflessness exhibited by these individuals in aiding over one hundred unsheltered persons, many of whom came to Fairhaven without proper supplies, serves as an inspiring testament to the true spirit of community and compassion, through volunteer funded resources; and
- Whereas:* we extend due acknowledgment and commendation to the faith communities within Fairhaven, recognizing their collective effort in gathering, processing, and distributing donations, making a profound impact on the lives of those in need; and
- Whereas:* the Fairhaven School Department's prompt adaptation ensured a secure and educational environment for students amidst challenging circumstances, deserving commendation; and
- Whereas:* heartfelt appreciation is extended to Health Agent David Flaherty for ensuring that the families' living arrangements were to public health standards and all procedures were followed for their wellbeing; and
- Whereas:* we commend Fire Chief Todd Correia along with Stephanie Ograa, Barbara Sullivan, Sharon DeGagne and all the public safety and civil defense volunteers who played a pivotal role in providing space and facilitating the distribution of resources, and their unwavering commitment to serving our community is truly commendable; and
- Whereas:* our recognition further extends to various community groups, including but not excluding Walt's Closets, Catholic Charities Diocese of Fall River, Joseph Lopes from Mass Hire, Amazon's BOS 7 distribution center, the Immigration Assistance Center and Helena DaSilva Hughes, the YMCA Full Plate Project and Gifts to Give for their significant and meaningful assistance; and
- Whereas:* we extend a special thanks and heartfelt recognition to the Dawicki Family and Northeast Maritime Academy for their invaluable contributions, providing transportation services, baby supplies, and laundry services for the residents; and
- Whereas:* we recognize Kelly Ochoa for forming the Southcoast Welcome Corps, and all its members for their efforts to welcome and support the families hosting various engagements; and
- Whereas:* P.A.C.E. (People Acting in Community Endeavors) has displayed remarkable leadership in assisting the Town by providing residents with translators and access to social services, with a special commendation to P.A.C.E. Executive Director Pam Keuchler for her outstanding leadership; and
- Whereas:* special recognition is accorded to Council on Aging Director Martha Reed for her exceptional coordination of the Town's response and the dedication of all volunteers, acknowledging their leadership and tireless efforts instrumental in providing essential support to those in need; and
- Now, therefore,* We, Leon E. Correy III, Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Stasia Powers, Keith Silvia and Robert J. Espindola, the Select Board of the Town of Fairhaven, recognize the above-named individuals and organizations for their tireless efforts.

Given under our hands and seal on this day, 22<sup>nd</sup> of January,  
in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four

  
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Leon E. Correy III, Chair

  
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Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Vice-Chair

  
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Stasia Powers, Clerk

  
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Keith Silvia

  
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