

Proclamation

Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Month

WHEREAS, nearly 1.5 million children and youth in the United States experience homelessness every year; and

WHEREAS, there were 2,400 highly mobile children and youth in Adams 12 Five Star Schools in the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, over 150 of these Adams 12 students are currently unaccompanied youth; and

WHEREAS, youth homelessness disproportionately affects Black, Indigenous, People of Color, students who receive special education services, and English language learners; and

WHEREAS, highly mobile youth face significant challenges in accessing, stabilizing, and succeeding in school, negatively impacting long-term educational, economic, and employment prospects; and

WHEREAS, the Adams 12 Office of Whole Child Initiatives is working collaboratively with departments and schools across the district to implement proven solutions that effectively identify highly mobile children and youth and connect them with the wraparound supports, educational services, and housing resources they need to thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education hereby proclaims November 2024 as RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education also proclaims November 14, 2024 as Wear Green for Awareness Day in Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

Adopted by the Adams 12 Five Star School Board of Education at its meeting on October 23, 2024