

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of March 28 – April 2, 2016 has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program provides annual funding and flexibility to local communities to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people; and

WHEREAS, the HOME Program provides funding to local communities to create decent, safe, affordable housing opportunities for low-income persons; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, our community has received a total of \$3,577,416 in CDBG funds and \$1,950,363 in HOME funds; and

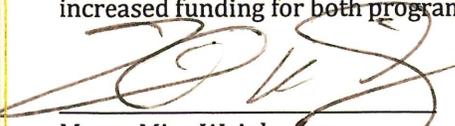
WHEREAS, these accomplishments from 2014 were reported:

- 1,300 homeless persons benefited from shelter assistance and services;
- 250 homeless persons received dental services, and 350 dental hygiene kits were distributed;
- 92 low-income children in child care centers received healthy and nutritious meals;
- Home sharing, home-based senior services, and other housing retention assistance helped over 400 Burlington residents remain housed and living independently;
- 12 co-operative rental units received critical repairs;
- The City's Community and Economic Development Office (CEDO) provided technical assistance to 49 current or potential entrepreneurs; and
- Mercy Connections facilitated entrepreneurial training to 25 women interested in starting businesses. These initiatives resulted in a combined nine new businesses and eight business expansions within Burlington.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, designate the week of March 28 – April 2, 2016 as

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in Burlington, Vermont, in support of these two valuable programs that have made tremendous contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and economic vitality of our community. And be it further resolved that this community urges Congress and the Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the CDBG Program and the HOME Program by supporting increased funding for both programs in FY17.


Mayor Miro Weinberger

