

**Item Title:** Proclamation Recognizing Capital Area Veterans Stand Down Day

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners proclaims October 28, 2016 as Capital Area Veterans Stand Down Day.**

**Item Summary:**

The Capital Area Veterans Stand Down will be held on October 28, 2016 at the South Wilmington Street Center, 1420 South Wilmington Street Raleigh, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Stand Down is a nationwide grassroots, community-based intervention program designed to help the nation's estimated 39,471 homeless veterans on any given night "combat" life on the streets. During the last fiscal year, the South Wilmington Street Center served 222 veterans. The event is designed to assist local veterans experiencing homelessness access to a wide range of services and connect with service providers in one place on one day with the ultimate goal of becoming employed, obtaining housing and achieving stability in their lives.

Veterans Stand Down is supported by the homeless service provider community, by citizens, businesses, and community and faith organizations. The event is sponsored by Wake County Human Services, Wake County Community Services, Wake County Veterans Services Office, NC Department of Commerce Division of Employment Security, Raleigh Vet Center, and the Durham Veterans affairs.

**Attachments:**

1. Proclamation