

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of the United States was established in St. Louis, Missouri at the Basilica of St. Louis, King of France, popularly called "The Old Cathedral" in 1845; and

WHEREAS, the first meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States was held on November 20, 1845, only twelve years after its foundation in Paris; and

WHEREAS, it has been the Mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to maintain a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships and service to people in need; and

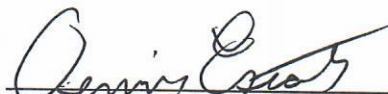
WHEREAS, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are in need and suffering; and

WHEREAS, our local Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Thomas Aquinas Conference, is dedicated to feeding, clothing, housing and healing individuals and families in our community with love and compassion who have nowhere else to turn for help; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Vincent de Paul celebrated its 175th Anniversary in 2008 and it was also the founding year for the National Friends of the Poor Walk/Run designed to raise awareness and funds to help people in poverty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Dennis Estok, Mayor of the City of Knox, do hereby proclaim the week of September 29, 2018 as Society of St. Vincent de Paul Week with the annual National Friends of the Poor Walk/Run taking place on September 29, 2018 at Sandy Acres Park.

BE IT PROCLAIMED this 11th day of September, 2018.



Mayor Dennis Estok