

PROCLAMATION

***Declaring January 2010 as
South Suburban PADS Awareness Month
in the Village of Orland Park***

WHEREAS, twenty years ago more than 200 residents from the Village of Orland Park and municipalities throughout the south suburban area sought to create an organization in response to the growing numbers of individuals and families grappling with the issue of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated founders developed an emergency overnight shelter system known as South Suburban PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) which emphasizes hospitality, respect, dignity and the empowerment of each person receiving services; and

WHEREAS, the PADS organization provides year-round emergency housing for 1,200 men, women and children through a network of 29 participating host Faith Communities, 250 supporting Faith Communities and the services of 4,000 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, PADS has created the Homeless Healthcare Network, which provides medical services in free clinic settings for 850 people annually, the Homeless Prevention Program which distributes emergency funds to support community residents fighting to maintain their homes, the Interim Housing, Families First and the Rapid Re-Housing Programs, designed to transition people from homelessness to permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, PADS currently operates two PADS daytime support centers which provide employment readiness, case management, mental health and addiction services through unique programs and community partnerships.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANIEL J. McLAUGHLIN, Mayor of the Village of Orland Park, Illinois, do hereby proclaim January 2010 as South Suburban PADS Awareness Month in the VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK and ask residents to continue supporting PADS efforts to bring about an end to homelessness.

DATED THIS 18th Day of January, 2010.

Signed:

Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor