

## ***A Proclamation Designating Homeless Awareness Month***

***Whereas***, in America, a country filled with infinite promise, the continuing problem of homelessness is deeply disturbing; and

***Whereas***, on any given night in this region, there are more than 500 homeless men, women and children sleeping in their cars, on the streets and other locations not meant for human habitation; and

***Whereas***, ending homelessness is critical to the vitality of families, businesses and communities in East Tennessee; and

***Whereas***, the Appalachian Regional Coalition on Homelessness (ARCH) has been charged by HUD (U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development) with the responsibility of coordinating a community response to address the issues of homelessness; and

***Whereas***, ARCH serves eight counties in our region to address the immediate needs of homeless individuals,

***NOW, THEREFORE, I***, Joel Staton, Mayor of the City of Bristol, Tennessee do hereby proclaim September 2008 as

### ***Homeless Awareness Month***

*and ask all Bristolians to join me in recognizing the importance of eliminating homelessness in our region.*

*This 2nd day of September, 2008.*

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*Joel Staton*  
*Mayor*