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24th ANNUAL HOMELESS MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Members of the public are invited to share in the 24th annual Homeless Memorial Service, to be held on Wednesday, December 21st from 10:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

This year, the event will be held at the Santa Cruz County Veterans Memorial Building in downtown Santa Cruz, next to the U.S. Post Office. The address is 846 Front Street.

Held in conjunction with the National Homeless Persons Memorial Day each year for the last two decades, the event honors homeless community members who passed away in 2022. The event is presented by Housing Matters, the Santa Cruz County Homeless Persons Health Project, Wings, and the Veterans Hall of Santa Cruz.

To date, 90 persons experiencing homelessness have died on the streets of Santa Cruz County this year, along with another 45 housed individuals who previously experienced homelessness. People experiencing homelessness have much shorter life expectancies and are more likely to suffer violence, trauma and other health issues.

WHAT: 24th Annual Homeless Memorial
WHERE: Santa Cruz Veterans Hall, 846 Front Street
WHEN: December 21st, 10:00 am-11:30 am

About the Housing for Health Partnership

The Housing for Health Partnership is a collaboration of the County and each city within Santa Cruz County, along with local homelessness service providers. It acts as the federally-designated continuum of care for Santa Cruz County and helps allocate State and federal funding to address homelessness. The County of Santa Cruz serves as lead agency for the H4H Partnership.