E Pluribus Unum* Ending Homelessness Together

Making homelessness in Dallas and Collin Counties rare, brief and nonrecurring.

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* With apologies to the original user of that phrase

Imagine we could end homelessness. **Not** just help individuals. **Not** just manage homelessness.

Imagine we could eradicate it. **Imagine** we could make this intractable social ill a thing of the past.

What Do We Mean?

We do not mean:

- No one ever becomes homeless.

We do mean:

- Homelessness **rare**ly happens;
- When it does it is **brief**;
- It **never** happens to that person **again**.

	Unsheltered UN	Emergency Sheltered ES	Safe Haven SH	Transitional Housing TH	Total	Change Year to Year
2020	**1,619**	**1,938**	**50**	**864**	**4,471**	**-1.4%**
2019	1,452	2,313	49	724	4,538	+9%
2018	1,341	1,991	23	785	4,140	+9%
2017	1,087	1,861	19	822	3,789	-.5%

16.2% decrease in Emergency Sheltered homelessness

11.5% increase in Unsheltered homelessness

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Why Are They Homeless?

Yikes!

Could I ever become homeless?

Social Network Breakdown

Most of us will never become homeless because we would lean on our network of social connections. Our families, friends and social groups would be there for us to call on.

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Homelessness occurs when this **network of social connections breaks down (or was poor to start with) and can no longer be activated.**

Overrepresentation of POC in the Homeless Population

African Americans make up 13% of the population, both in the U.S. and in Dallas County.

African Americans make up 40% of the U.S. homeless population, and 28% of the U.S. unsheltered homeless population.

In 2016, African Americans made up 67% of the Dallas homeless population, and 70% of the Dallas unsheltered homeless population!
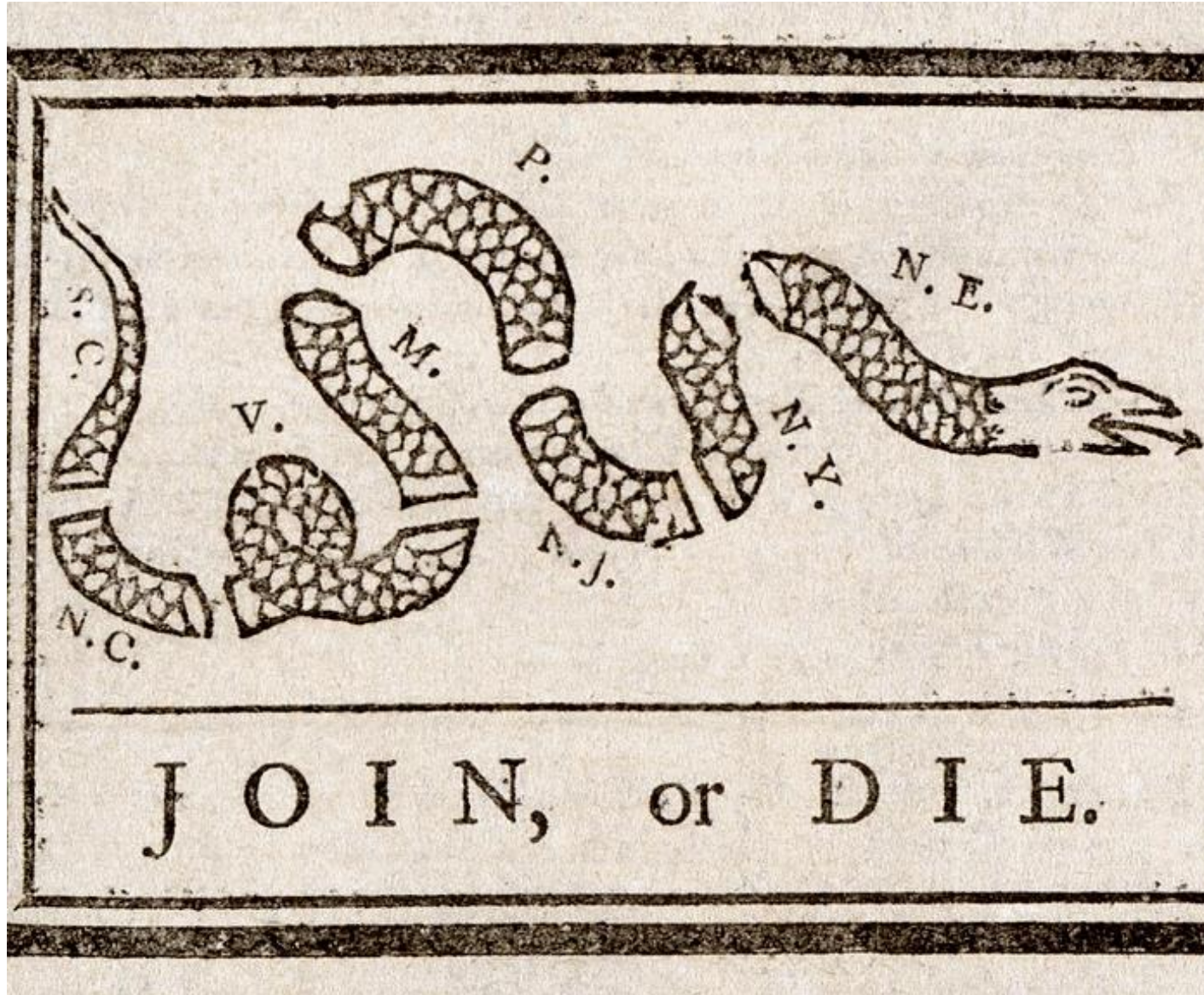
The Solution Addresses the Problem

The way we solve the problem of the social network breakdown is to put in place a **Homeless Response System**, that steps into the gap created by that breakdown.

The **role of MDHA (and** its counterpart in every American community) under the **2009 HEARTH Act**: Develop and quarterback an effective unified homeless response system, where all homeless services programs work together to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring.

We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately.

Home, Together:
THE FEDERAL STRATEGIC PLAN TO
PREVENT AND END HOMELESSNESS

UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

HUD Homeless Programs Funding (CoC)

USA: $2.3 BILLION

DALLAS: $17 MILLION

Help MDHA End Homelessness

Donate	Donate to MDHA
Support	Support organizations which are part of our homeless response system.
Volunteer	Volunteer for the annual Homeless Count
Invite	Invite MDHA to speak
Help	Help the homeless build social networks

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ADVOCATE FOR MORE HOUSING

ADVOCATE FOR A ROBUST HOUSING SAFETY NET

"I've been thinking," said Pooh… "You have a house, Piglet, and I have a house, and they are very good houses. And Christopher Robin has a house, and Owl and Kanga and Rabbit have houses, and even Rabbit's friends and relations have houses or somethings, but poor Eeyore has nothing. So what I've been thinking is: Let's build him a house."

"That," said Piglet, "is a Grand Idea."

(from "The House on Pooh Corner")