



Community Champions for Meals on Wheels Week A Proclamation

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older;

WHEREAS, the Meals On Wheels Association of America established the National March for Meals Campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of Older Americans Act Senior Nutrition Programs and raise awareness about senior hunger in America;

WHEREAS, the 2014 observance of the March for Meals campaign provides an opportunity to support Senior Nutrition Programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger;

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels Kitsap has served the City of Poulsbo and other communities throughout Kitsap County admirably for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels Kitsap provides nutritious meals to seniors in the City of Poulsbo and throughout Kitsap County and helps them to avoid premature or unnecessary hospitalization and institutionalization;

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels Kitsap provides a powerful socialization opportunity for their senior clients to help combat loneliness and isolation;

WHEREAS, volunteers are the backbone of the Meals on Wheels Kitsap program as they provide hot, well-balanced meals and social interaction to seniors at community dining meal sites and deliver nutritious meals and friendly smiles to homebound elderly and individuals with disabilities; and


WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels Kitsap deserves recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to senior citizens throughout the City of Poulsbo; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Becky Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, do hereby proclaim March 16-22, 2014 as

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in the City of Poulsbo. I urge every citizen to take time this week to honor Meals on Wheels Kitsap, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of and involvement in the 2014 March for Meals campaign can enrich our entire community and help end senior hunger in America—*so no senior goes hungry*®

Signed this 13th day of March, 2014



Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of Poulsbo