

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the City of Oregon City draws its strength from the diversity of cultures, traditions, and experiences of its employees; and Big Brothers Big Sisters is open and inclusive with their children, families and volunteers; and

Whereas, the City of Oregon City is fortunate to be the employer of valued and remarkable employees who recognize the need for positive interaction between our community's youth and adults; and Big Brothers Big Sisters is creating one-to-one relationships between caring adults and youth; and

Whereas, the worth of such interaction has been documented as an effective strategy to reduce crime and the fear of crime, reduce the high school drop out rate, reduce the use of alcohol and illegal drugs by youth, and reduce the overrepresentation of youth and especially minority youth in the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest represents a local organization that can facilitate increased involvement between the large potential cohort of adult volunteers employed by the City of Oregon City; and

Whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest has extended an opportunity to the Oregon City Police, Fire Bureau and all the City employees for volunteer activities that their workforce may participate in to enhance their lives and the lives of youth in their communities; and

Whereas, January 2008 Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest will acknowledge these efforts publicly;

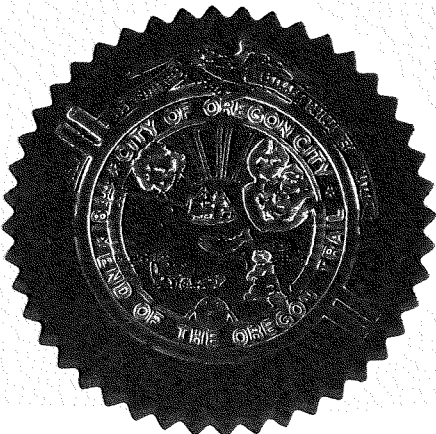
Now, Therefore, I, Alice Norris, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, hereby proclaim

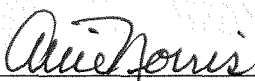
JANUARY 2008

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Big Brothers Big Sisters Month

in Oregon City, and encourage all residents to observe this month.




ALICE NORRIS, Mayor