

**PROCLAMATION
WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK**

- WHEREAS,** water is vital to the sustainability of life and has no existing substitute; and
- WHEREAS,** the world's population of 6.3 billion is projected to increase to nearly 9 billion before leveling off; and
- WHEREAS,** the population of the United States exceeds 291 million and it is estimated to increase to 600 million by the year 2100; and
- WHEREAS,** a recent study revealed that 58 areas of the United States – from Florida and Georgia to western Texas to northern California and southern Oregon, as well as most of heartland U.S.A. – are water stressed; and
- WHEREAS,** 1.2 billion people worldwide already lack an adequate safe water supply; and
- WHEREAS,** 5-7 million people die annually from water-related diseases, including 2.2 million children under the age five; and
- WHEREAS,** 20 percent of the world's population in 30 countries face water shortages today, a figure expected to rise to 30 percent of the world's population in 50 countries by 2025; and
- WHEREAS,** many water shortages stem from inefficient use, or unsustainable use of underground water in aquifers, which can take thousands of years to replace; and
- WHEREAS,** the theme of World Population Awareness Week 2003 is "Water: The 21st Century Crisis".

NOW THEREFORE, I, Alice Norris, Mayor of Oregon City, do hereby proclaim November 24-29, 2003 as:

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

And urge all of our citizens to conserve water whenever and wherever they can and, further, reflect on ways to ensure adequate safe water supplies for future generations.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand this 19th day of November 2003.


ALICE NORRIS, Mayor

ATTESTED this 19th day of November 2003


LEILANI BRONSON-CRELLY, City Recorder

