

PROCLAMATION
West Linn Citywide Food Drive Month

WHEREAS, food insecurity is a significant and persistent problem in Clackamas County and throughout the state of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Oregon Food Bank serves as the hub of a network of 20 regional food banks and 919 local hunger-relief agencies, including shelters and local pantries; and

WHEREAS, in an average month, an estimated 200,000 people eat meals from emergency food boxes provided by the Oregon Food Bank Network, of which about 71,000 are children; and

WHEREAS, West Linn has established its own West Linn Food Pantry which provides monthly food assistance to any local residents in need; and

WHEREAS, recent declines in food donations available through federal agriculture programs, as well as changes in food packaging technology and marketing are cutting into vital sources of food historically tapped by Oregon Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, the residents and businesses of West Linn West are caring and concerned people who want to share their bounties with those less fortunate; and

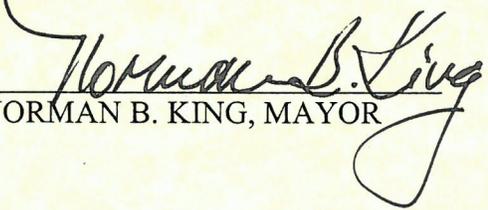
WHEREAS, joining with friends and neighbors in a concentrated effort to collect food for the hungry is a way to raise awareness of the need and at the same time build stronger ties within the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of West Linn, the West Linn Wilsonville School District, the West Linn Chamber of Commerce, the West Linn Lions Club and the West Linn Tidings have agreed jointly to sponsor a citywide effort to collect canned foods and funds to benefit the Oregon Food Bank and the West Linn Food Pantry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN that the month of March 2008 shall be Citywide Food Drive month in the City of West Linn, and all residents, businesses, governmental entities and civic organizations are urged to participate, in order to help those in need and to strengthen community ties in West Linn.

Dated this 14th day of January 2008.




NORMAN B. KING, MAYOR