

# *CITY OF YAKIMA*

## *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 or older; and*

***WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels America established the March for Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs, both congregate and home delivered, and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America; and*

***WHEREAS**, the 2019 observance of March for Meals celebrates 17 years of providing an opportunity to support Meals on Wheels programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger and isolation; and*

***WHEREAS**, People For People Meals-On-Wheels programs – both congregate and home delivered, in Yakima County have served our communities admirably for more than 50 years; and*

***WHEREAS**, volunteers for People For People Meals-On-Wheels programs in Yakima County are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to seniors and individuals with disabilities who are at significant risk of hunger and isolation, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare; and*

***WHEREAS**, People For People Meals-On-Wheels programs in Yakima County provide nutritious meals to seniors throughout Yakima County that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and*

***WHEREAS**, People For People Meals-On-Wheels programs in Yakima County provide a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation; and*

***WHEREAS**, People For People Meals-On-Wheels programs in Yakima County deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to local communities, our State and our Nation.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I Kathy Coffey, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as the*

### ***“17<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Meals Month”***

*in the City of Yakima and urge every citizen to take this month to honor our Meals-On-Wheels programs, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of, and involvement in, the national 2019 March for Meals can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in America.*

*Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019*

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*Kathy Coffey, Mayor*