



# 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 2013 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**, Senior Nutrition Programs in Whatcom County have served our communities admirably for 41 years; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteer drivers for Meals On Wheels programs in Whatcom County are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Senior Nutrition Programs in Whatcom County provide nutritious meals to seniors throughout the State and help them to avoid premature or unnecessary institutionalization;

**WHEREAS**, Senior Nutrition Programs in Whatcom County provide a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation;

**WHEREAS**, Senior Nutrition Programs in Whatcom County deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to local communities, our State and our Nation; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Whatcom County Executive and the of Mayors of Bellingham, Ferndale, Blaine, Lynden, Everson, Sumas and Nooksack do hereby proclaim March 2013 as

## March For Meals Month

We urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our Senior Nutrition Programs, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care them. Our recognition and involvement of the national 2013 March For Meals campaign can enrich our entire community and help end senior hunger in America—so no senior goes hungry®.

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.

Jack Louws, County Executive

Kelli Linville, Mayor, City of Bellingham

Gary Jensen, Mayor, City of Ferndale

Harry Robinson, Mayor, City of Blaine

Scott Korthuis, Mayor, City of Lynden

John Perry, Mayor, City of Everson

Bob Bromley, Mayor, City of Sumas

Jim Ackerman, Mayor, City of Nooksack