



## PROCLAMATION LATAH COUNTY FOOD DRIVE DAY

**WHEREAS,** Rick Minard, President of the non-profit organization Palouse Cares, has helped with an annual door to door food drive with a mission to feed as many needy citizens as possible.; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2015, Moscow food banks serviced over 22,000 people, of which 40% are under the age of 18 and 15% are seniors; and

**WHEREAS,** financial support to the local food banks allow them to purchase items not donated such as meat, eggs, milk, potatoes, bread etc. As donated items are used up, they use the finances to purchase canned vegetables, fruit, tuna, peanut butter etc. that families need for good nutrition; and

**WHEREAS,** on average more than 30% of Moscow students are eligible for free or reduced price federal-funded meal benefits and in some schools that figure is more than 50%; and

**WHEREAS,** State and federal programs that previously helped fill some of the voids have seen program budgets and staffing diminished, and greater pressure placed on local community members to find solutions; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2015 Palouse Cares helped 8 communities in Latah County with food, toiletries and financial support including donating 40,000 pounds of food to Food Banks in Latah County; and

**WHEREAS,** it is reasonable that Rick's dream to have the first Saturday in December be "National Food Drive Day" can begin in Latah County; and

**NOW THEREFORE, WE,** the Latah County Board of Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the laws of Latah County and the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim

### December 3, 2016 as Latah County Food Drive Day

And call upon the people of Latah County to observe this day and urge residents to set non-perishable food items on their porches or by their front doors for pick-up by volunteers on that day, to help feed hungry people in our community.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

  
Richard Walser, Chair

**ABSENT**  
David McGraw, Commissioner

  
Thomas C. Lamar, Commissioner

Attest:   
Clerk/Deputy Clerk