



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2016 AS MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH

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; 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 2016 observance of March for Meals provides 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, Meals on Wheels programs – both congregate and home-delivered, in Knoxville Iowa have served our community admirably for 40 years and

WHEREAS, volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program in Knoxville and Marion 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, Meals on Wheels programs in Knoxville provide nutritious meals to seniors throughout the town of Knoxville & Marion County that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in Knoxville & Marion County provide a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation; and

WHEREAS, the Meals on Wheels program in Knoxville deserves recognition for the contributions it has made and will continue to make to Knoxville & Marion County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Brian Hatch, as Mayor of Knoxville Iowa do hereby proclaim March 2016 as March for Meals Month 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 2016 March for Meals can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in America.

Dated this [numerical day] day of March, 2016.

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