



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Year of the Volunteer Steering Committee, consisting of Joann Wheeler (General Federation of Women's Clubs), Lisa Burbidge (Boys and Girls Club of Central Oregon), William Dahl (citizen of Redmond), Eve Nazarian (Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers), Cindy Pasko (Partnership to End Poverty), Jim McCue (Redmond Habitat for Humanity), Marie Phillis (RSVP), Christina Smith (S.M.A.R.T.), Amy Jo Bellew (St. Charles Foundation) and Betsy Warriner (Volunteer Insights) support 2010 as the Year of the Volunteer; and

WHEREAS, the act of volunteering has long been both a mainstay and necessity of American life; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism is an investment in the future of Sisters and is vital to our future and is increasingly recognized as a community's greatest resource, and

WHEREAS, volunteers can connect with local environmental and community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations; and

WHEREAS, more than 61 million volunteers working in their communities utilize their time, energies and talents daily to make a difference in the lives of children, adults and the elderly for the betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS, the economic crisis has placed greater demands on nonprofit organizations nationwide and the need for volunteers has increased to meet those demands; and

WHEREAS, volunteers often bring years of professional experience to their volunteer positions, offering a wide range of skills and abilities in service to meet community needs; and

WHEREAS, the effect of volunteerism is a blessing not only unto the community and those people the volunteer hopes to serve, but a blessing unto the volunteers themselves through personal growth, improved health, positive influence, and friendship through personal relationships derived from the selfless act of service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sisters City Council does hereby proclaim 2010, as the *Year of the Volunteer*. The City Council hereby urges all citizens to join the effort and celebrate the *Year of the Volunteer* in the community by adding 10 hours of volunteer service in 2010. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can connect with neighbors and strangers to improve lifestyles and offer understanding and compassion.

APPROVED by the Sisters City Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this 12th day of November 2009.

Lon Kellstrom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Nelson, City Recorder