

# CITY OF KUNA

## State of Idaho *Proclamation*

### **15th ANNUAL 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 2017 observance of March for Meals celebrates 15 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**, Meals on Wheels programs, both congregate and home delivered, in Kuna have served our community admirably for more than 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers for Meals on Wheels programs in Kuna 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**, Metro Meals on Wheels in Ada County provides nutritious meals to seniors throughout the Meridian area that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro Meals on Wheels programs in Ada County provide a powerful socialization opportunity for seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation; and

**WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels programs in Ada County deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to local communities, our State and our Nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Joe L. Stear, Mayor of the City of Kuna, Idaho, hereby proclaim March 2017 as the 15th Annual 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 2017 March for Meals can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in America.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF,  
I set my hand on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March  
in the year of two thousand and seventeen.

**Joe L. Stear**  
Mayor of Kuna, Idaho