



## **A PROCLAMATION OF FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK IN ASHLAND, APRIL 10-16, 2023**

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**WHEREAS**, up to 35% of all food produced is thrown away, and a family of four could save an average of \$1,800 annually on uneaten food; *and*

**WHEREAS**, food in landfills, when buried without air will decompose and release methane gas, which contributes to climate change and we have a responsibility in helping the next generation adopt good sustainability practices; *and*

**WHEREAS**, we have the opportunity to save shared resources, like land, water, energy and transportation used to make food available that ultimately goes uneaten, and everyone would benefit from utilizing food resources better.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tanya Graham, Mayor of the City of Ashland, Oregon, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 10-16, 2023, FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK in Ashland, and we encourage all residents to commit to the practice of reduce, recover, and recycle food waste. In Ashland we are "Better Together."

*Dated this 21st day of March 2023*

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**Tonya Graham, Mayor**

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**Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder**

