

Proclamation

in the Board of Commissioners for Washington County, Oregon

WHEREAS, the economic downturn has resulted in increased community need for basic services such as food pantries and emergency financial assistance; and,

WHEREAS, requests for emergency financial assistance at Community Action Washington County have more than doubled in the last twelve months, demand at food pantries has increased 15% in the region over this time last year, and calls for resources to 2-1-1 are up 40% in the last three months; and,

WHEREAS, many community members would like to contribute their time, talent, and resources to support their neighbors in need; and,

WHEREAS, the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette has created a Community Relief Fund to coordinate a community-wide response that will secure funding to help non-profit agencies rapidly respond to basic needs; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Relief Fund represents a four-county collaboration that brings together the efforts of diverse community partners, including Washington County, in support of the Fund during an initial 90-day promotional campaign and as long as the Fund is needed during this economic crisis; and,

WHEREAS, community members can donate to the Fund's *Give 10, Tell 10* campaign through its website at www.give10tell10.org; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners proclaims its active support for the Community Relief Fund, and be it further

RESOLVED, that residents, businesses, community organizations and all other members of the Washington County community are encouraged to contribute in whatever way they are able to assist others during this difficult period, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator shall take such steps as are reasonable and appropriate to publicize this Proclamation so as to encourage our community partners to join in supporting the Community Relief Fund.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

CHAIRMAN

RECORDING SECRETARY

MINUTE ORDER