



## March for Meals Month A Proclamation

**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;

**WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels America established the National March for Meals Campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs – both congregate and home-delivered – and raise awareness about the escalating problem of senior hunger in America;

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 observance of the March for Meals campaign 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;

**WHEREAS**, Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs – both congregate and home-delivered – in Kansas have served our communities admirably for more than 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels programs in Kansas are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare;

**WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels programs in Kansas provide nutritious meals to seniors throughout the State and help them maintain their health and independence and avoid unnecessary hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization;

**WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels programs in Kansas provide a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation;

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

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, W. Gordon Blackie, Mayor of the City of Garnett, Kansas do hereby proclaim March 2017 as March for Meals Month.

We urge every citizen to take time 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 campaign can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in America.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2017

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor