

FOOD DRIVE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, South Benton Food Pantry is a local, non-profit organization with a mission to reduce food insecurity and hunger for individuals living in the Monroe 1J School District; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity refers to USDA's measure of lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritional foods; and

WHEREAS, in the 2016-2017 school year, 243 Monroe School District students or 55 percent of the total students attending school in Monroe were eligible for free or reduced lunches; and

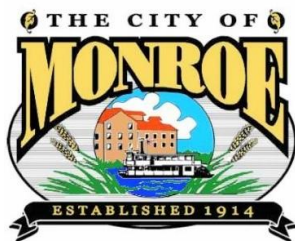
WHEREAS, in 2021, there are 10.8 percent of Monroe residents or about 70 individuals with income below the poverty level. Oregon's poverty level is \$12,880 per year for an individual and \$26,200 per year for a family of four.

WHEREAS, in response to such unsettling times, the City of Monroe is partnering with South Benton Food Pantry to help our community with non-perishable food and toiletries. Donations are accepted at City Hall or any business with a Holiday Food Drive flyer and drop-off food drive container.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Sheets, Mayor for the City of Monroe, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2021 as ...

Food Drive Month

... in the City of Monroe, and urge South Benton County residents to bring non-perishable items to Monroe City Hall or any businesses with a drop-off food drive container to help combat hunger and food insecurity in our community.



DATED this 1st day of November, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Sheets", written over a horizontal line.

Dan Sheets, Mayor