

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, April is Volunteer Recognition Month; and

WHEREAS, many of our young citizens spend hours volunteering their time and energy to improve Mason County; and

WHEREAS, it is important to acknowledge the efforts many young people have put forth to strengthen our county's communities; and

WHEREAS, it is far more realistic to expect success from our Youth if we offer to expand access to rewarding personal experiences through community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Mason County community based organizations and agencies have been providing opportunities for young people to become actively involved in enhancing their communities; and

WHEREAS, Youth have consistently been involved in community events, organizations, and projects as volunteers and members.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Board of Mason County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of April 20 – April 26, 2003 as

YOUTH VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK

And encourage parents, schools, business, government agencies, community based organizations and service groups to welcome, recognize and celebrate the contribution our young people can do for the communities. Through this recognition we shall assure active and accessible involvement of our young people to strengthen our County and build bridges to the future.

Signed this 8th day of April, 2003.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Herb Baze, Chairperson