

**PROCLAMATION**  
**National Volunteer Week**  
**April 27 – May 3, 2008**

WHEREAS, the entire community can inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world;  
and

WHEREAS, volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of  
community service organizations like the Volunteer Center of Lewis, Mason and Thurston Counties; and

WHEREAS, individuals and communities are at the center of social change discovering their power to make a  
difference and

WHEREAS, during this week, all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers will be  
recognized for their commitment to service.

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and

WHEREAS, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nation's social problems;  
and

WHEREAS, our country's volunteer force of over 64 million people is a great treasure; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Board of Mason County Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 27 – May 3,  
2008 as

National Volunteer Week

in Mason County, and urge our fellow citizens to volunteer in their communities. By volunteering and  
recognizing those who serve, we can replace disconnection with understanding and compassion

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Tim Sheldon, Chair

ATTEST:

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Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

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Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

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Ross Gallagher, Commissioner