

DUMP THE PUMP

WHEREAS, National Dump the Pump Day was established in 2006 to encourage use of public transit and beat high gas prices; and

WHEREAS, The Community Transportation Association of Idaho (CTAI) endorses Dump the Pump Day as a way to encourage use of public transit, van pools, and non-motorized transportation over single-occupant vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Riding the bus saves money, restores the environment, lessens dependence on fossil fuels, decreases traffic congestion, reduces parking requirements, and improves access and mobility; and

WHEREAS, Public transit is good for business, with every dollar invested generating \$4 in economic returns, including job creation and business sales; and

WHEREAS, Walmart Foundation recently supported public transit in Moscow with an \$87,500 donation to purchase a new bus for Sustainable Moscow Area Regional Transportation (SMART) Transit; and

WHEREAS, At a compact 6.8 square miles, Moscow is well-suited to public transit and non-motorized transportation alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Moscow's environmentally-aware and cost-conscious population benefits from affordable, convenient, sustainable transportation choices; and

WHEREAS, Free local bus service by SMART Transit is complemented by Dial-a-Ride, the City's commuter Van Pool, Vandal Access Shuttle, inter-city transit by Northwestern Trailways, a volunteer driver program, formulation of an integrated multi-modal transportation plan, improvements to bicycle-pedestrian infrastructure, and Moscow's new Intermodal Transit Center; and

WHEREAS, Demands for public transportation continue to grow, with a 64% increase in ridership of between 2005 and 2012, to a high of 168,756 fixed-route rides in 2012 even as funding becomes more challenging;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Nancy Chaney, Mayor for the City of Moscow, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2013 as

DUMP THE PUMP DAY

in Moscow, and I encourage citizens to take the bus, carpool, walk, or bike to work, school, play, and errands on that day.



DATED this 17th day of June, 2013

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Nancy J. Chaney, Mayor