Extra Mile and Nonprofit Recognition

WHEREAS, Moscow benefits from the extraordinary generosity of volunteers, who add to community vibrancy, tackle difficult challenges, magnify taxpayers investments, and preserve our faith in humanity; and

WHEREAS, Our City values its volunteer boards and commissions, volunteer Fire Department and EMS, and University of Idaho student volunteerism, exemplified by “Make a Difference Day” on Oct. 26; and

WHEREAS, Non-profit organizations often use volunteers to leverage limited resources for service, innovation, and social change, and provide opportunities for leadership, civic engagement, community-building, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, The estimated 400,000 volunteers for non-profit organizations in Idaho contribute about 60-million hours of service annually, placing Idaho third in the nation in per capita volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, According to the Idaho Non-Profit Center, non-profits also employed 48,700 paid staff in Idaho in 2012; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 4,800 nonprofit organizations in Idaho contribute more than $3.6 billion annually to Idaho’s economy; and

WHEREAS, The nonprofit sector works with the private sector and governmental organizations to improve circumstances in our community, our state, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, All of these elements together help build and sustain a whole, healthy community and enhance our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, When individuals collectively “go the extra mile” in volunteerism or non-profit service, our whole community benefits; and

WHEREAS, The accomplishments of community volunteers and the nonprofit sector deserve acknowledgment, affirmation, and celebration;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Nancy Chaney, Mayor for the City of Moscow, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2013 to be:

Extra Mile Day

in Moscow, and I encourage everyone to recognize and support volunteers and nonprofit organizations that “go the extra mile” and inspire us by their efforts to make our community, state, nation, and world better.

DATED this 21st day of October, 2013.

Nancy Chaney, Mayor