

4-H PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** 4-H is one of the largest youth development organizations in Idaho, with more than 34,000 participants;
- WHEREAS,** More than 6.5 million youth, aged 5-18, participate in 4-H nationwide; and
- WHEREAS,** 4-H is administered by a division of the United States Department of Agriculture; and
- WHEREAS,** 4-H participants learn citizenship, leadership, confidence, and life skills; and
- WHEREAS,** The official symbol for 4-H is a green four-leaf clover with a white 'H' on each leaf, representing *head, heart, hands, and health*; and
- WHEREAS,** The first 4-H club in Idaho began in Lemhi County in 1912, one century ago this year; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1923, the first 4-H short course took place on the University of Idaho campus in Moscow; and
- WHEREAS,** The land-grant mission of the University of Idaho includes statewide extension resources, including 4-H; and
- WHEREAS,** 4-H clubs in Idaho are encouraged to perform 100 hours of community service during this year's centennial; and
- WHEREAS,** Activities may include writing letters to military personnel; delivering 100 handshakes to "pay it forward;" performing for residents of nursing homes; volunteering at food banks; leading the Pledge of Allegiance at City Council meetings, and more; and
- WHEREAS,** The University of Idaho Extension Services' theme for this commemoration is: "100 years: Idaho 4-H: Something to celebrate;"


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Chaney, Mayor for the City of Moscow, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as

Idaho 4-H Recognition Month

in the city, and I urge everyone to support 4-H programs and the youth who engage in them, at the Latah County Fair—coming up again this September 13-16—and throughout the year.



DATED this 4th day of September, 2012.

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Nancy Chaney, Mayor