

CITY OF YAKIMA  
P R O C L A M A T I O N

*WHEREAS, an estimated 4,500 Yakima County residents are without safe, decent, and affordable permanent housing; and*

*WHEREAS, homelessness is a substantial and pervasive problem that has a powerful negative impact on our community and our citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all Yakima residents to see a reduction in the level of homelessness within the City of Yakima; and*

*WHEREAS, the Homeless Network of Yakima County is a consortium of 37 service providers and consumers focused on reducing chronic homelessness in Yakima County by 2014; and*

*WHEREAS, the Homeless Network of Yakima County has a Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in Yakima County by 2014 by coordinating and linking resources to build a comprehensive system that will 1. end chronic homelessness, and 2. prevent return to homelessness, and 3. move homeless individuals and families beyond short-term shelter to permanent housing and self-sufficiency; and*

*WHEREAS, the Yakima City Council and the Homeless Network of Yakima County have determined that a united community commitment to carrying out these approaches and strategies will positively impact those who are already homeless, as well as those at risk of becoming homeless, and that by doing so the quality of life of individuals and families, as well as that of the Citizens of the City of Yakima and Yakima County as a whole, can and will be enhanced*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Paul P. George, Mayor of the City of Yakima, and on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim our support of the goals and strategies expressed in the Homeless Network of Yakima County Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, and urge all to support their efforts insofar as they are able.*

*Dated this 15th day of February, 2005*

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*Paul P. George, Mayor*