## City of Gold Bar



## 107 - 5th Street, Gold Bar, WA 98251

## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON RECOGNIZING FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, up to forty percent (40%) of all food produced is thrown away rather than eaten; and

WHEREAS, safe and nutritious food that is currently thrown away could help feed hungry people; and

WHEREAS, everyone benefits from better utilizing food resources; and

WHEREAS, up to half of all food waste comes from businesses and waste prevention is prioritized before donations and composting; and

WHEREAS, a family of four can save an average of \$1,600 annually on uneaten food; and

WHEREAS, K-12 schools and universities have a special role in educating the next generation to reduce, recover, and recycle food; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gold Bar has the opportunity to save shared resources, like land, water, and energy, used to produce and transport food that ultimately goes uneaten; and

WHEREAS, food in landfills decomposes slowly, releasing methane gas which contributes to climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON does hereby proclaim April 10<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as Food Waste Prevention Week, and encourages all residents and businesses to commit to reducing food waste.

Signed and proclaimed this 44 day of 40xil

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