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World Food Day Comes to Salt Lake City

October 13th, 2008 by Ralph

Mayor Ralph Becker Signs Proclamation Declaring World Food Day in Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY - This morning, Mayor Ralph Becker signed a proclamation declaring this Thursday, October 16th, World Food Day in Salt Lake City. Mayor Becker has joined forces with local restaurant owners to promote observance of the day and raise awareness about food security in Salt Lake City.

Each participating restaurant will offer a special food item that can be ordered at a reduced portion size that patrons may price themselves. A portion of the profits collected from the sale of the item will go to each restaurant's favorite food-related charity.

In Utah, 9.7 percent of the population lives in poverty and the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that 5.1 percent of residents are dealing with hunger. Observing World Food Day in Salt Lake City will be an opportunity for local restaurants to give back to community members and raise awareness about hunger and poverty in Utah.

Denise Cerreta, founder and owner of One World Everybody Eats, has been at the forefront of this effort. Cerreta initially approached Mayor Becker and local restaurants about making World Food Day a reality in Salt Lake City.

One World Everybody Eats is a community kitchen that serves meals offered in reduced portion sizes that patrons can price themselves.

For over 20 years, communities around the world have observed the United Nation's World Food Day to raise awareness about poverty and hunger. This will be the largest, most coordinated effort Salt Lake City has endeavored.

For a full schedule of World Food Week events to be held this week in Salt Lake City and a list of participating restaurants visit <http://www.oneworldeverybodyeats.com>.

Salt Lake City World Food Day Proclamation

Whereas, Salt Lake City recognizes that hunger and food insecurity is an issue of global, national and local concern,

Whereas, Salt Lake City endeavors to insure through its various public and private efforts that all of its residents have enough healthy and nutritious food,

Whereas, One World Everybody Eats, a local non-profit community kitchen, has helped raise awareness of food-related issues such as food waste and food insecurity through its five year operation,

Whereas, a community of local eating establishments has partnered with the City of Salt Lake and One World Everybody Eats to participate in World Food Day, a United Nations effort to raise the level of awareness of food insecurity issues even higher,

Now, Therefore, I Ralph Becker, Mayor of Salt Lake City, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2008 Salt Lake City World Food Day, and I commit this observance to the people of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Salt Lake City World Food Day

Schedule of Events:

Monday – October 13, 2008 • 10:00am
Proclamation Signing – by Mayor Ralph Becker
Squatters Pub Brewery
147 West 300 South
801-363-2739

Tuesday – October 14, 2008 • 12:00noon
Walking Tour of Food Security Providers
Public Invited

Tour Begins at: Crossroads Urban Center
347 South 400 East
801-364-7765
www.crossroads-u-c.org

Wasatch Community Gardens
801-359-2658
www.wasatchgardens.org

Hildegard's Food Pantry
231 East 100 South
801-328-2303

One World Café
41 South 300 East
801-519-2002.