

Proclamation

WaterAfrica Day

Whereas, Saturday, April 11, 2015, WaterAfrica Volunteers with World Vision present the 8th Annual Walk for Water in Lake Oswego;

Whereas, approximately 1/2 of the people in rural Zambia do not have access to safe water for drinking, cooking and hygiene:

Whereas, because safe water is not available,

- Villagers, particularly children, get sick from the unhealthy water they drink.
- Under -5 mortality is estimated to be 15% in Zambia.
- The most common illnesses are diarrhea, schistosomiasis, and trachoma.
- Women and children, particularly girls, spend hours every day walking miles to get water. (This is what LO Walk for Water symbolizes.)
- As a result, women do not have time to take care of their families or earn money and girls cannot attend school.
- There is little water for gardens or livestock.

Whereas, by providing safe water, sanitation, and hygiene,

- Diarrhea and other water-borne diseases are cut by 95%.
- Under -5 mortality is cut in half.
- Women have time to care for their families and earn money.
- Girls can attend school.
- Villagers can grow gardens and water their livestock.

Whereas, Walk for Water 8, an event to raise awareness to provide clean safe water, sanitation, and hygiene in Zambia, will take place in Foothills Park in Lake Oswego, Oregon on April 11, 2015, beginning at 9:00am;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Lake Oswego City Council do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 11, 2015, as WaterAfrica Day in Lake Oswego.


Kent Studebaker, Mayor

