

# PROCLAMATION

## World Population Awareness Week

**WHEREAS**, more than one billion people – one sixth of the world's population – are between the ages of 15 and 24, the largest generation ever in this age bracket; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly half of the world's population, and 63% in the least developed countries, is under age 25; and

**WHEREAS**, 17 million young women between the ages of 15 - 19 give birth every year, including some 13 million who live in less developed countries; and

**WHEREAS**, risks of dying from complications of pregnancy or childbirth are 25 times higher for girls under 15, and two times higher for women between 15 - 19; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately half of the 5 million people infected with HIV last year were young people aged 15 - 24; and

**WHEREAS**, almost 12 million young people now live with HIV, and about 6,000 more become infected every day; and

**WHEREAS**, the choices young people make today will determine whether world population stabilizes at 8 billion or less or 9 billion or more; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of World Population Awareness Week, proclaimed last year by the United States Governors of 31 states, Mayors of 288 U.S. cities, and 266 organizations from 77 countries, is "Population and the Next Generation";

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Mayor James Griffith, of the City of Tigard, Oregon, do hereby proclaim October 20 through 26, 2002, as

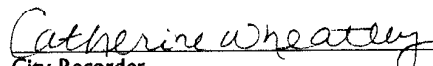
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Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tigard to be affixed.

  
James Griffith, Mayor  
City of Tigard

Attest:

  
Catherine Wheatley  
City Recorder

