




# City of Delta Junction

## Hunger Awareness Day PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Tuesday, June 6, 2006 is National Hunger Awareness Day; and
- WHEREAS, Alpha Omega Life Care, Inc. has hunger abatement as a program goal, and brings 3 tons of food to Delta Junction each month to distribute to qualified recipients; and
- WHEREAS, Alpha Omega Life Care, Inc. operates a food voucher program in collaboration with IGA to assist those with immediate need; and
- WHEREAS, Food Bank of Alaska and its partners, including Alpha Omega Life Care, Inc. provide supplemental food for an estimated 83,174 people annually from a state population of 655,435 - approximately 1 in 8 people; and
- WHEREAS, 71% of the clients have incomes below the official federal poverty level; and
- WHEREAS, 44% of client households have one or more adults currently employed; and
- WHEREAS, 32% of food pantry households own the dwelling unit where they reside; and
- WHEREAS, among the client households with seniors age 65 years or older, 55% are food insecure; and
- WHEREAS, 13% of clients with children state their children were hungry at least once during the previous 12 months, but the family could not afford more food; and
- WHEREAS, adults in 44% of the client households had to cut the size of their meals or skip meals because there was not enough for food *nearly every month* of the previous 12 months; and
- WHEREAS, 32% of clients served by Food Bank of Alaska and its partners report having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel.
- NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Delta Junction City Council, do proclaim June 6 to be Hunger Awareness Day and do recognize the efforts of Delta Junction groups to serve the cause of Hunger Abatement in the Interior of Alaska.

SO PROCLAIMED this 16th day of May 2006.

  
Mary Leith-Dowling, Mayor Pro tem  
City of Delta Junction  
Delta Junction, Alaska