



*Office of the Mayor
City of Tukwila, Washington*

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nationwide, up to 35% of all food produced is thrown away rather than eaten; and

WHEREAS, Washington generates an estimated 1.1 million tons of food waste annually, including 400,000 tons of edible food disposed in the landfill; and

WHEREAS, wasting food also wastes water, energy, labor, pesticides, fertilizers, and land used to make and transport the food; and

WHEREAS, reducing food waste will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

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

WHEREAS, a family of four can save an average of \$1,800 each year, by avoiding purchasing food that is not eaten and then becomes food waste; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Thomas McLeod, Mayor of the City of Tukwila, do hereby proclaim April 1 - 7 as:

Food Waste Prevention Week

in the City of Tukwila and encourage all community residents to join me in recognizing this special observance.

Signed this 1st day of April, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas McLeod", is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas McLeod, Mayor