

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Item Public Inp2**

**Mayor to read the Proclamation recognizing Larry Massie for his service to the community.**

**Staff Contact: Council Member Salomon**

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** In 2001, Larry Massie started his first soup kitchen out of Rejoice Lutheran Church in Gering, and quickly realized the location was too far away from the people who needed it most. He bought a bus and started to shuttle people to the soup kitchen and then shuttle them back home.

**WHEREAS:** In 2003, the soup kitchen moved to the Chuckwagon Church on East Overland where Larry Massie expanded the kitchen to operate on both Friday and Saturday nights, recognizing the greater need for food in the area than he had originally anticipated.

**WHEREAS:** Also, in 2003, Larry Massie started the Christmas Dinner in the Valley, filling the need he saw for a Christmas Day meal. He originally cooked bone-in turkey and ham, homemade applesauce, homemade mashed potatoes, and homemade sweet potatoes. For several years, he solicited donations of toys, so that kids coming to the dinner would be able to take home something for Christmas.

**WHEREAS:** In April of 2020 Larry Massie started a new ministry called 11.13 and while the number of meals is hard to pinpoint, Larry has easily surpassed 15,000/year for over 10 years running, and since its inception, 11.13 ministries has delivered over 48,000 meals.

**WHEREAS:** Larry Massie is a selfless individual who is always looking for ways to help and minister to others; and when he isn't preparing food, serving food or thinking of how to do either, he is visiting people.

**NOW THEREFORE:** I, Jeanne McKerrigan, Mayor of Scottsbluff, NE do hereby proclaim, Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as a day to recognize Larry Massie's unwavering commitment to serving others and his community.

