PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the City of Hermiston and its Citizens understands the critical need for clean water in many parts of the world as demonstrated in the book *The Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park and believe that access to clean water is an inalienable right; and,

Whereas, the City of Hermiston and its Citizens believe that a reaching out to others in this world and helping to improve their living conditions is one of the fundamental ways we can help to improve this world; and,

Whereas, the Altrusa Club of Hermiston, in partnership with the Hermiston School District, will launch the Altrusa Water Challenge for community members, to be conducted April 16, 2016 until April 30, 2016, to drink water and donate money normally spent on expensive drinks to the water project to fund a well and provide sanitation education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Drotzmann, do hereby proclaim that the City of Hermiston encourages its Citizens to read *The Long Walk to Water* and participate in the Altrusa Water Challenge. Engaging in this activity promotes literacy, supports the international need for clean water, and fosters a sense of community by bringing our citizens together through helping others in less fortunate parts of the world. The City of Hermiston hereby extends a heartfelt Thank You to Altrusa Club of Hermiston and the Hermiston School District for bringing this internationally acclaimed project to our city.

SIGNED this 11th day of April, 2016

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Dr. David Drotzmann, Mayor

Date: April 11, 2016

Mayor Drotzmann, City Councilors, City Manager

Memorandum for Record

Subject: Proclamation Recognizing The **Water Challenge** sponsored by Altrusa of Hermiston and the Hermiston School District Library

Department Submitting: Library (Altrusa member)

Summary/Background: - Hermiston Altrusa International and the Hermiston School District Library are sponsoring a Water Challenge from April 16 until April 30. The challenge is to replace your normal beverages with water and donate the money saved to help build a well in a developing nation. The goal is an average of $23.00 for everyone who accepts the water challenge.

Main objective is to raise enough money to make a difference to help children and families live longer more productive lives. Along with providing clean, safe water the project has the additional benefit of freeing up mainly female children to attend school instead of the daily process of hauling poor quality water home.

A kick-off event is being held at McKenzie Park on April 16. A fun obstacle course is being set up for children who attend and people who sign up for the challenge with receive bottled water and other small gifts. Another event will be held April 30 for everyone to turn in their donations.

Just prior to the kick-off event, Kristi Smalley, the HSD Elementary Libraian will be promoting the challenge with an essay contest for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students on the imporatance of clean water.