

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

**Letter Carriers' Food Drive Day
May 12th, 2012**

WHEREAS, the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 704 represents all Letter Carriers in Tucson and many other Post Offices in Southern Arizona; and

WHEREAS, NALC Branch 704, the United States Postal Service and the AFL-CIO have joined together with local Community Food Banks for the past sixteen years for the Annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Food Drive was initiated in 1991 to assist the many Community Food Banks, food pantries and homeless shelters throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Food Drive effort is a community-based endeavor and all food items donated remain within each local community to serve the needs of the community.

WHEREAS, in the year 2011, NALC Branch 704 Letter Carriers collected 822,927 pounds of food in Southern Arizona; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas R. Shope, Mayor of the City of Coolidge, Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 12th, 2012, to be "LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE DAY" in the community, and encourage all of our citizens to join in this important effort by leaving food items near their mailboxes on Saturday for the Letter Carriers to pick up as they make their rounds.

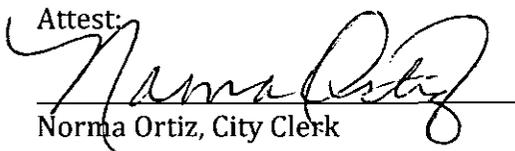
AND FURTHER, to offer our appreciation and admiration for our local Letter Carriers for the enthusiasm and unique contribution they are making toward the betterment of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Coolidge to be affixed this 23rd day of April, 2012.



Thomas R. Shope, Mayor

Attest:


Norma Ortiz, City Clerk