PROCLAMATION

National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Day May 14, 2011

WHEREAS, America's Second Harvest reports that 50 million Americans (approximately 1 in 6) are food insecure, hungry or at risk of hunger. 25 million Americans receive emergency food assistance from large and small food banks across the Nation; and

WHEREAS, nearly 17.2 million children (approximately 1 in 4) and 3 million seniors who live in America at the poverty level receive food assistance. One in four people in a soup kitchen line is a child; and

WHEREAS, poverty adversely affects birth weight, deaths, abuse and neglect, education and the general health of our most precious resource, our children, and also affects our seniors; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) in conjunction with the United States Postal Service (USPS) is sponsoring the 19th Annual National Food Drive Day on Saturday, May 14, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the NALC Branch 3126 in the City of Novi is participating in the National Food Drive Day; and

WHEREAS, the cost of inaction is too high, particularly in the face of many negative outcomes for our children and community which are preventable.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David B. Landry, Mayor of the City of Novi, on behalf of the Novi City Council, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 14, 2011 as Letter Carriers' Food Drive Day and encourage all citizens of the community to participate in the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive by leaving nonperishable food at their mailboxes on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

Given this ninth day of May 2011

David B. Landry Mayor, City of Novi

