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CROP Walk Proclamation for October 2009

**PROCLAMATION**  
*CROP Walk  
October 2009*

*WHEREAS, at the end of World War II many people wanted to share our country's abundance with European war victims; and Church World Service and CROP's first purpose was to gather wheat and other crops from U.S. farms for shipment to Europe; and*

*WHEREAS, today, locally-organized, Church World Service-sponsored CROP Hunger Walks are an important part of community life for more than 2,000 towns and cities in the United States, bringing together people of different faiths, diverse cultures, and all age groups; and*

*WHEREAS, in the last 15 years alone, CROP Hunger Walks have raised over \$200 million to bring help and hope to people in need in more than 80 countries, including the U.S.; and*

*WHEREAS, each year CROP Hunger Walks help more than 3,200 local food pantries, food banks, and meal sites in the U.S. provide food to neighbors in need, including our own community support groups in Ann Arbor; and*

*WHEREAS, the Annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2009 to help our community become aware of and concerned about hunger and its causes; and*

*WHEREAS, the CROP Hunger Walk will raise funds to help stop hunger both locally and globally.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hieftje, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2009, CROP Walk Month, and encourage citizens of Ann Arbor to support and participate in the 2009 CROP Walk.*

*I hereby set my hand and seal  
This the 1st day of October, 2009*

*John Hieftje, Mayor* \_\_\_\_\_