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JOHN A. KITZHABER, MD  
Governor

North Central Public Health District  
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Dear Board of Health Members:

I am pleased to have received the request from the North Central Public Health District to designate the Community Action Plan for Reducing Childhood Obesity in Wasco County as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing the assessment conducted by Oregon Solutions staff, I feel this project can demonstrate how aligning community members and integrating services and resources can make progress to improve healthy eating and active living for Wasco County children. Therefore, I am designating it an Oregon Solutions project and appointing Dan Ericksen and Michele Spatz as co-conveners.

The co-conveners will lead a team of stakeholders and community members to create a Community Action Plan that enables public sector, private sector, and non-profit organizations to agree on shared outcomes and coordinate team members' specific activities.

While grant funding from the Columbia Gorge Health Council to bring together partners is limited to Wasco County, my hope is that the North Central Public Health District will be able to eventually expand the Community Action Plan to include neighboring counties such as Gilliam, Hood River, and Sherman.

This project is a positive opportunity for the Wasco County community to move forward together. Success will depend on the connection and active collaboration among non-profit, private, and public sectors on the ground in your community. Please keep the governor's office updated on this effort and thank you for your work and enthusiasm thus far.

Sincerely,

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.  
Governor

cc: Dan Ericksen, co-convener  
Michele Spatz, co-convener  
Teri Thalhofer, Public Health Director, North Central Public Health District

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