

**RESOLUTION #14/15-7
CITY OF DAYTON, OREGON**

Title: A Resolution supporting efforts to create a Willamette Falls National Heritage Area and urging designation of such by Congress.

WHEREAS, National Heritage Areas are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape; and

WHEREAS, the Willamette Falls Area is an important nexus of the geologic formations created by the Missoula Floods, including the Willamette Meteorite and the foundation of the unmatched fertility of the Willamette Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Falls Area was a prominent gathering place for fishing and trade among numerous tribes for centuries prior to white settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Willamette River and Falls has been and continues to be an important transportation hub for tourism, commerce and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the 2,000-mile journey over the Oregon Trail ended in the Falls area (a destination point for one of the largest unforced migrations in world history), and helped to secure the nation's boundaries from the Atlantic to the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the power of the Willamette Falls inspired human industry since its discovery, for early sawmills and flour mills, and eventually hydroelectric power for woolen and paper mills, but especially for the world's first long distance transmission of electricity; and

WHEREAS, the discovery of mineral wealth in Lake Oswego helped to build the Pacific Northwest's infrastructure, through its iron mines and iron smelters; and

WHEREAS, the industrialization in the Falls area was the birthplace of industry in the American Northwest; and

WHEREAS, the history of the City of Dayton is a part of and contributes to the history of the Willamette Falls area; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated approach to managing and promoting this area as a national and statewide resource is a unique opportunity to collaborate on cultural & heritage tourism, natural resources, recreation, and historic preservation.

The City of Dayton resolves as follows:

- 1) **THAT** the City of Dayton supports the efforts of the Willamette Falls National Heritage Area Coalition to attain National Heritage status for the Willamette Falls area; and
- 2) **THAT** the City of Dayton urges the National Park Service to find that such status is

merited, and urges Congress to designate and create a Willamette Falls National Heritage Areas.

ADOPTED this 1st day of **June 2015**.

In Favor: Bixler, Collins, Marquez, Price, Wytoski

Opposed: None

Absent: Frank, Taylor

Abstained: None




Elizabeth Wytoski, Mayor



Date of Signing

ATTEST:



Peggy Selberg
City Recorder



Date of Enactment