

Proclamation

Proclamation endorsing efforts to implement conservation areas and encourage policy makers to pursue a sound forest policy

WHEREAS the City of Tualatin has a rich heritage linked to the Tualatin River, a strong history as “Tree City USA,” and is home to Oregonians with cultural and economic ties to fishing, timber, outdoor recreation, natural resources, and natural beauty; and

WHEREAS Tualatin residents rely on clean water throughout the Tualatin River Watershed, which benefits from the balanced management of the Tillamook state forest; and

WHEREAS conservation areas can reduce catastrophic landslides and help protect source water and treatment infrastructure; and

WHEREAS healthy, productive, and sustainable forest ecosystems that over time and across the landscape provide a full range of social, economic, and environmental benefits to the people of Oregon; and

WHEREAS Oregonians rely on our state forests for economic benefit, including jobs in the timber, forest products, outdoor recreation, and fishing industries. Management of our states forest resources should benefit Oregonians from all industry sectors, diversifying our economic base and supporting family wage jobs; and

WHEREAS on November 3, 2011, Governor Kitzhaber endorsed the concept of “conservation areas” on state forest lands, directing the Board of Forestry to, “Examine and then act upon the authority vested in the Board and Department to establish areas managed primarily for conservation on state forests.”; and

WHEREAS in the process of developing state forest policy, stakeholders should be encouraged, engaged, and enabled to provide input to governing bodies invested in a transparent and public process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Tualatin hereby endorses efforts by the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Board of Forestry to implement conservation areas and encourages the state's policy makers to pursue a sound forest policy that acknowledges the values and benefits of all forest resources including clean water, adequate fish and wildlife habitat, sustainable timber harvest, and recreation, and is based on the best available science.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2013.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____
City Recorder