

RESOLUTION NO. 96-R-609

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BROOKINGS CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF
A LONG TERM FUNDING SOURCE FOR OREGON STATE PARKS.**

WHEREAS, Oregon State Parks are one of Oregon's leading visitor attractions with over 40 million visitors each year; and

WHEREAS, Oregon State Parks generate more than a half billion dollars each year for local tourism economies and encourage private investment in tourism facilities; and

WHEREAS, Oregon State Parks contain many of Oregon's most significant scenic, cultural, historic, natural and recreational sites; and

WHEREAS, Oregon State Parks are known throughout the nation and the world as some of the best park facilities; and

WHEREAS, Oregon State Parks contribute to the personal, social, and economic benefits of local communities, thus improving the quality of life of residents and the travel experiences of visitors; and

WHEREAS, Oregon State Parks protect the natural and cultural resources critical to Oregon's environment, heritage, and the outdoor recreation opportunities available to citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, in spite of severe budget cuts, volunteer contributions, and private funding donations, lack of adequate funding for Oregon State Parks now threatens the quality and even the existence of many state park facilities, programs and services now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, deterioration in the quality and number of Oregon State Parks will significantly harm Oregon's visitor industry;

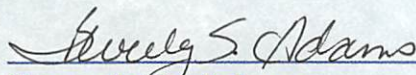
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Brookings supports the creation of a long term funding source for Oregon State Parks so that current and future generations can continue to enjoy the many important benefits that state parks contribute to Oregon's quality of life and to a healthy visitor industry.

PASSED by the Council and signed by the Mayor this 28th day of October, 1996.



Tom Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:



Beverly S. Adams
City Recorder