WHEREAS, America's rural communities are dependent upon the natural resources on public (federal) lands; and,

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WHEREAS, natural resources provided by the management of our public lands are important to the economy and prosperity of the nation; and,

WHEREAS, resource-dependent communities of the nation are not adequately considered when federal land management agencies decide on outputs from these public lands; and,

WHEREAS, federal land management agencies are reducing the outputs of the federal lands far below sustainable levels without regard for natural resource-dependent communities; and,

WHEREAS, planning for outputs from public lands is not done with the best interests of the nation or resource-dependent communities in mind; and

WHEREAS, to insure natural resource-dependent communities are protected, there should be laws to direct public agencies to consider the effect of their actions on these communities; and

WHEREAS, rural communities are an important part of the culture and economic base of the nation;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lebanon is in full support of national legislation to give explicit consideration to natural resource dependent communities in the federal land planning process. Recognition of these communities should come in the form of identifying minimum production levels which should be produced from lands surrounding these communities. These communities should also be given maximum consideration during any planning process which would affect output production from public lands.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the City of Lebanon has been presented the Community Stability Act of 1991 as developed by the Oregon Lands Coalition. We understand this act calls for recognition of resource dependent communities, sets minimum output levels, and gives them maximum consideration in planning efforts. With this in mind, the City of Lebanon City Council fully endorses and supports the Community Stability Act of 1991.

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ATTEST: Administrator