

RESOLUTION NO. 2099

Introduced by All Commissioners

Opposing Ballot Measure 34

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Clatsop County have transferred over 100,000 acres of prime timberland to the State of Oregon to be held in trust and managed by the State Department of Forestry for the perpetual production of timber income; and

WHEREAS, decisions concerning the management of these lands and the distribution of timber monies have been made through cooperation and agreement between the Department of Forestry and the taxpayers of Clatsop County; and

WHEREAS, the taxing districts in our county have developed budgets and financial plans based upon this trust agreement; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 34 would breach the agreement and trust that exists between the State of Oregon and the taxpayers of Clatsop County, would cause a significant reduction in timber harvests, and would reduce timber revenues to taxing districts in Clatsop County; and

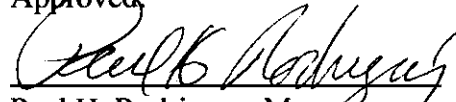
WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 34 would invalidate the current forest management plan, existing timber cutting contracts, and likely eliminate any timber harvest by the Department of Forestry for many years; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure 34 would cause the State of Oregon to unnecessarily suffer lost revenues and incur millions of dollars in implementation costs and defending lawsuits.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Warrenton to oppose Measure 34 and urge voters to reject it at the polls in November.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Warrenton City Commission this 6th day of October 2004.

Approved:


Paul H. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Linda Engbretson, City Recorder

This Resolution takes effect immediately upon its passage.