



Resolution No. 2001-942

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TUALATIN RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

WHEREAS, the City provided the vision and leadership that led to the establishment of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge in 1996, and

WHEREAS, the Refuge lies both within and adjacent to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted as an annual goal of the City over several years a goal to provide leadership and support for the continued development of the Refuge; and

WHEREAS, the Refuge has gone through the first years of its existence focusing on establishment of appropriate habitat, an effort which has been highly successful, and

WHEREAS, opening the Refuge to the public so that citizens can experience the wildlife, wetlands, forests, and general beauty of the facility is critical to giving the public a return on their investment and to garnering support and patronage for continued development of the Refuge, and

WHEREAS, funding opportunities are now available that will allow the development of the planned public use components of the Refuge;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Support: The City Council of the City of Sherwood declares its continued and strong support for the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge and in particular the work of the Refuge to secure funding, primarily for the planned public use components, through the Refuge Centennial Act and the FHWA T-21 Grant Program.

<u>Section 2. Anticipated Actions</u>: The Council declares its intent to support the development efforts of the Refuge anticipating opening of the open public use components, in particular the trail system, parking lot, and wildlife center, in the summer of 2003.

<u>Section 3. City Participation</u>: The Council declares its intent to be directly involved in the development of the Refuge by committing City funds and other resources, as available, to help support development of the public use components, by fully participating in the refuge planning process and implementation of goals, and through continued leadership in supporting the Refuge.

<u>Section 4. City Representation:</u> The Council designates City Councilor Thomas Claus as its official representative in all matters involving the Refuge.

Duly passed by the City Council this 10th day of April 2001.

Mark Cottle, Mayor

Attest:

C.L. Wiley, City Recorder

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