



April 7, 2022

Board of County Commissioner
 Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Proclamation of April 2022 as Grange Month

Purpose/Outcomes	Recognize the positive impact that Granges have had in our communities through grassroots efforts in the development of rural neighborhoods, acknowledge that they offer opportunities to explore social and legislative issues, and celebrate the 16 Granges that serve Clackamas County rural residents.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	N/A
Funding Source	N/A
Duration	Through April of 2022.
Previous Board Action	The Board has historically celebrated Grange month through the years.
Counsel Review	N/A
Procurement Review	N/A
Strategic Plan Alignment	Build public trust through good government, Honor, Utilize, Promote and Protect Natural Resources
Contact Person	Caroline Hill, Commission Policy Advisor
Contract No.	503-655-8261

BACKGROUND:

The Grange was founded in 1867 as a national organization with a local focus. Their mission is to “strengthen individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agricultural awareness”. Over the past 150 years the organization has continued to grow, chartering new Granges across the United States. There are 16 Granges in Clackamas County: Abernethy Grange #346, Beaver Creek Grange #276, Boring-Damascus Grange #260, Clarkes Grange #261, Eagle Creek Grange, #297, Frogpond Grange #317, Harding Grange #122, Maplewood Grange #662, Milwaukie Grange #268, Molalla Grange #310, Redland Grange #796, Springwater Grange #263, Sunnyside Grange #842, The Sandy Grange #392, and Warner Grange #117.

In honor of the wonderful work the Grange has done for our communities for over a century, staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners proclaim April 2022 as Grange Month.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners proclaim April 2022 as Grange Month.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Hill, Commission Policy Advisor
Clackamas County Administration



Proclaiming April 2022 as Grange Month in Clackamas County

Whereas, since 1867, the Grange has been a grassroots movement for the benefit of American families and local communities; and

Whereas, Grange programs are family oriented, beginning with Junior Grange for children of ages 4 through 13 for the purpose of getting children involved with their community, with agriculture, and with good citizenship; and

Whereas, Grange activities support personal development, leadership seminars, and foster a wide range of useful skills and abilities for personal growth through social, cultural, and educational programs; and

Whereas, Grange members attend public meetings, inform themselves of local, state, and national issues, and speak on behalf of those working in agriculture, producing food, fuel, and fiber; and

Whereas, members of the 16 active granges in Clackamas County ignite a passion in the community for service and involvement and outcomes of Grange advocacy are felt by nearly every citizen of Clackamas County today.

Now, therefore, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners do hereby Proclaim April 2022 as Grange Month in Clackamas County. We urge the Citizens of the County to recognize and participate in Grange activities and support Clackamas County Granges.

Dated this 7th day of April 2022

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