



Rhododendron Community Centennial Celebration Proclamation

WHEREAS, In 1846 Sam Barlow established the Barlow Trail along the modern-day U.S. Route 26 as an alternative to the treacherous Columbia River portion of the Oregon Trail; and

WHEREAS, weary travelers along the Barlow Trail once stopped at a “wide spot in the road” at the western foot of Mount Hood to gather strength for the last stretch of their trip to the Willamette Valley; and

WHEREAS, in 1905, former Portland Mayor Henry S. Rowe directed the construction of and operated the an inn on his parcel of land at that “wide spot in the road,” naming it the Rhododendron Inn due to the large number of rhododendrons growing in the area; and

WHEREAS, the community of Rhododendron developed around the inn as a summer resort colony for travelers wishing to enjoy the mountain and forest scenery, as well as outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 1920 the United States Postal Service dedicated a new post office for the area to be named Rhododendron, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the unincorporated community of Rhododendron today remains an important part of the mountain communities of Clackamas County, and is home to nearly 2,000 Oregonians.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN THE STATE OF OREGON: That we, the members of the Board of County Commissioners, commemorate the centennial anniversary of the dedication of the community of Rhododendron and thank its residents, business owners, and community planners for their century of contributions to Clackamas County and the State of Oregon.

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