

RESOLUTION NO. 1538

A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF OREGON AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EXPEDITE EFFORTS TO CLEAN UP THE WILLAMETTE RIVER AND PLEDGING THE COOPERATION OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE IN SUCH EFFORTS.

WHEREAS, the Willamette River is one of the nation's most important water resources, providing water for fish and wildlife habitat, agricultural, industrial, commercial, residential, and recreational uses, electrical power generation, transportation; and municipal drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Willamette River is home to various salmonid species, some of which are now considered to be threatened or endangered; and

WHEREAS, the Willamette River figures prominently in the "*Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds*," in which Governor John Kitzhaber called on all Oregonians to "work together to make the Oregon Plan successful;" and

WHEREAS, the Willamette River is an aesthetic treasure of great beauty, recognized as an American Heritage River by proclamation of the President of the United States ; and

WHEREAS, even though research has shown very few EPA-regulated contaminants, or candidate contaminants, present at detectable levels in the River, and in spite of strides that have been made since the passage of the Federal Clean Water Act, the pollution of the Willamette River by a variety of sources remains a serious concern to all who value the many beneficial uses provided by the River; and

WHEREAS, there remains uncertainty and disagreement about the extent of pollution of the River, with experts and citizens expressing divergent viewpoints; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville is now under a development moratorium because of a lack of municipal water, with the City's sole source currently being a series of wells that are experiencing declining water quality and falling aquifer levels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville recently invested ten million dollars in a complete upgrade of the community's wastewater treatment plant, in order to assure that discharges from that plant into the Willamette River meet all applicable State and Federal standards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville is now in the process of preparing a new stormwater master plan for the community and its planned growth areas, and that plan will include proposals to address both the quantity and quality of stormwater run-off to the Willamette River; and

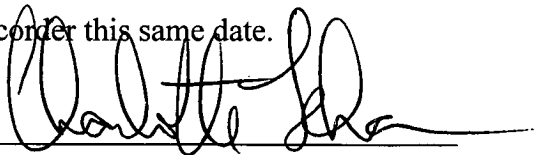
WHEREAS, the City of Wilsonville is one of several communities considering the Willamette River as a source for future municipal water supply, as both the City and the Tualatin Valley Water District hold water rights on the River; and

WHEREAS, the Wilsonville Planning Commission, after conducting a public hearing on a proposal to extend the time period of the City's development moratorium, asked the City Council to consider a resolution calling for the clean up of the Willamette River;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council hereby requests that the State of Oregon and the United States of America take the necessary steps to clean up and protect the Willamette River in the interests of all of the varied benefits that the River provides. The City Council further requests that this clean-up process be expedited in view of growing interest in the middle stretch of the Willamette River as a source of municipal drinking water and because the River provides habitat for species that may be listed as "threatened" or "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act.
2. The City Council pledges the full cooperation of the City of Wilsonville in State and Federal clean up efforts.

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular Council meeting thereof this 1st day of February, 1999, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this same date.



CHARLOTTE LEHAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Sandra C. King
SANDRA C. KING, CMC, City Recorder

SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Lehan	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Kirk	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Helser	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Barton	<u>Yes</u>
Councilor Holt	<u>Yes</u>