



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
MILDRED KANIPE MEMORIAL PARK

**WHEREAS, Oakland, Oregon,** in near proximity to Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park, is one of Douglas County's historic localities known for their historic importance, and

**WHEREAS, Oakland, Oregon** is composed of a unique combination of natural, scenic, cultural, recreational and historic assets which create enormous potential as an attractive tourism destination providing abundant opportunities for eco-tourism, economic development, and

**WHEREAS,** Mildred Kanipe is a generous benefactor to Oakland, and

**WHEREAS,** Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park is known for its historic importance to the historic ranching and agricultural and developing tourism economies in Douglas County; and

**WHEREAS,** Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park's unique location and topography with approximately 20 miles of established trails promotes responsible equine ownership and care, and

**WHEREAS,** Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park provides families with learning, recreation and family event space, and

**WHEREAS,** local and county government officials have expressed support for Oakland Economic Development's efforts to create and promote economic development to attract visitors to historic Oakland, Oregon, and

**WHEREAS,** Mildred Kanipe willed her 1100 acre ranch to Douglas County to use as a park with the request that Douglas County provide the same stewardship Mildred Kanipe used during her life to manage the 1100 acres, and

**WHEREAS,** Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park is an important component to the economic and tourism development for Oakland, Oregon, and


**WHEREAS**, individuals, businesses and organizations in Douglas County have generously contributed to the development of the Mildred Kanipe Memorial Parks's equestrian and non-equestrian campground and to the Underwood barn roof repair, and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park has the potential to create valuable new opportunities to strengthen Douglas County's educational mission, to enrich learning and build supportive educational and tourism relationships throughout Oregon, and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Economic Development is dedicated to the economic strength and business development in the region surrounding Oakland,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Oakland Economic Development does hereby request the Douglas County Board of Commissioners to endorse the goals of economic vitality and enhancing community life and to pledge its continued collaboration and support for Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park by working to increase income and reduce expenses at Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park without the need to log, sell or close Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

  
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Kristopher Tripp, President

  
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