

**CITY OF OAKLAND  
RESOLUTION 2016-17**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR MILDRED KANIPE MEMORIAL PARK**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Oakland, Oregon, in near proximity to Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park, is one of Douglas County's smaller cities offering a unique combination of natural, scenic, cultural, recreational and historic experiences, and

**WHEREAS**, City and County government officials have expressed support for the efforts of Oakland Economic Development in recognition of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park as an important historic component of economic and tourism related development; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland and Douglas County received generous land bequests, upon the death of Mildred Kanipe, of 5 and 1100 acres of land respectively, with instructions that the land be dedicated as public parks with historic importance to agriculture and ranching in the Oakland area; and

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of the bequests was to provide the same respect and stewardship of the land Mildred Kanipe provided during her lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park in its unique location has topography supporting approximately 20 miles of improved equestrian trails in addition to open space that provides families with learning experiences and recreational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park has great potential to create valuable new experiences in support of Douglas County's educational mission; to enrich learning by providing a window to the past in century old agriculture and ranching;

**THEREFORE, THE CITY OF OAKLAND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS**, that The City of Oakland does hereby urge the Douglas County Board of Commissioners to endorse the goals of economic vitality and enhancement of community life by pledging its continued support and by redoubling creative efforts to increase income and reduce expenses at Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park prior to logging, selling or closing this asset.

**SO RESOLVED** and approved by the Common Council on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016

Signed:

Attest:

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Bette Keehley, Mayor

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Terri Long, City Recorder