

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

**PASSED**

**ORDER/RESOLUTION NO.**

04-6-2-1

- ) IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING AND
- ) DECLARING NATIONAL TRAILS DAY ON
- ) JUNE 5, 2004 AND SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF
- ) THE PIONEER NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAILS
- ) STUDIES ACT (HR 1051)

WHEREAS, promoting the Free Emigrant Road, from the Oregon Trail in eastern Oregon across central Oregon into Lane County, was one of the first economic development activities promoted by Lane, Linn, and Benton Counties to increase the population of the lower Willamette Valley in the mid-1800s, and

WHEREAS, the Free Emigrant Road is a branch off of the Oregon Trail which is part of the recognized National Historic Trails system, and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon recognizes the Free Emigrant Road among several branch trails of the Oregon Trail as important historic trails equal in importance to the Oregon Trail, Applegate Trail, Lewis & Clark Trail, and others, and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council supports official recognition of the Free Emigrant Road and the Meek Cutoff, and

WHEREAS, the Oregon-California Trails Association and its Northwest Chapter encourage the designation of the Free Emigrant Road, Meek Cutoff, and other equally deserving trail routes into the National Historic Trail system, and

WHEREAS, recognition of historic trails contributes to the tourism attractions and economic benefits derived from an enhanced visitor and tourist industry, and

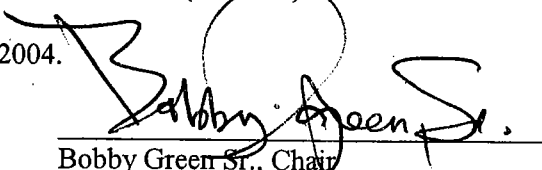
WHEREAS, the National Park Service recommends study leading to inclusion of the Free Emigrant Road and other trail routes into the National Historic Trail system, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that June 5, 2004 shall be recognized and declared as National Trails Day.

ORDERED that Lane County supports federal efforts to have the Free Emigrant Road and other equally deserving trail routes added into the National Historic Trail system, and

ORDERED that the Oregon Congressional delegation and other federal officials shall be notified of the importance of including the Free Emigrant Road, and other equally deserving trail routes listed in the Pioneer National Historic Trails Studies Act (HR1051) in the National Historic Trail system.

Signed this 2nd day of June, 2004.

  
Bobby Green Sr., Chair

LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 5/24/04 Lane County

  
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL