

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING)
2008 AS THE YEAR OF THE DINOSAUR IN) RESOLUTION NO. 08-3910
THE METRO REGION.) Introduced by Metro Councilor Robert
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WHEREAS, Metro aims to inform the residents of the region through education, science and conservation through a number of its programs, helping to ensure that the region's wildlife and people thrive in a healthy urban ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Zoo is a service of Metro and is dedicated to its mission to inspire the community to create a better future for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, dinosaurs will soon again roam the Zoo in its "Dinosaurs!" exhibit, the Rose Garden in the "Walking With Dinosaurs: The Live Experience", the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in its exhibit "Dinosaurs: China's Ancient Giants" and in "Dinosaur Revolution" at the Portland Children's Museum; and

WHEREAS, these organizations, community leaders, parents, children and the residents of this region appreciate dinosaurs as the awe-inspiring behemoth kings of the prehistoric world; and,

WHEREAS, remembering these giants and the land they once ruled will help us connect with the past, spur fresh thinking about our region's future and remind us of the importance in saving natural areas for all forms of wildlife; and

WHEREAS, when the dinosaurs roamed free they didn't need cars to get around, reminding us that designing sustainable pedestrian, bike and transit oriented communities is our responsibility as stewards of nature; and

WHEREAS, I myself fondly recall dinosaurs that roamed the Earth and my own backyard when I was yet a boy, and

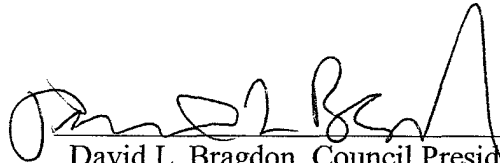
WHEREAS, I will be eaten by the dinosaur next to me if I do not include him in this flattering resolution; and

WHEREAS: the Tyrannosaurus rex, which means "tyrant lizard king", who lived in the late Cretaceous period, weighed up to eight tons, and has a keen sense of smell, is the biggest, baddest, fiercest predator; and

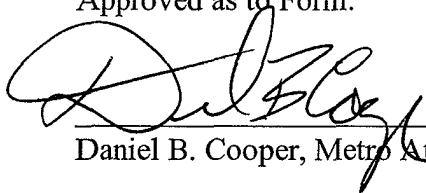
WHEREAS, the exhibits around the Metro region in 2008 will truly be dino-mite;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council confirms 2008 as the Year of the Dinosaur in the Metro region.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 10th day of January 2008.


David L. Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

