

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING)
MEASURE 66, 1998 GENERAL ELECTION)

RESOLUTION NO. 98-2720
Introduced by Jon Kvistad

Whereas, Oregon's parks, streams and rivers are major elements of our quality of life, and

Whereas, Oregon's quality of life is widely recognized as a critical factor in the attraction of new businesses and maintenance of a strong, diverse economy, and

Whereas, tourism has grown to be Oregon's second largest industry due, in large part, to Oregon's reputation for clean air, clean water, access to nature and diverse landscapes, and

Whereas, Oregon's State Parks have lacked appropriate ongoing funding for approximately 20 years resulting in a backlog of capital maintenance needs exceeding \$110 million, and

Whereas, the lack of appropriate funding has prevented expansion of the State Park system for approximately 20 years despite unprecedented population growth and a corresponding demand for outdoor recreation opportunities, and

Whereas, the viability of salmon and steelhead stocks are accurate indicators of watershed health, and

Whereas, the condition of Oregon's watersheds have significantly deteriorated as evidenced by numerous existing and prospective listings of salmon and steelhead stocks under the Endangered Species Act and considerable growth of the list of Oregon streams and rivers which fail to meet minimum standards for water quality, and

Whereas, restoring Oregon's watersheds and renovating and expanding Oregon's parks will require the assistance of all Oregonians and sustained investment, and

Whereas, if approved by the voters in the 1998 general election, Measure 66 will provide the funds necessary for sustained investments in Oregon's parks and watersheds,

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council endorses Measure 66 on the General Election ballot, November, 1998.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council on this _____ day of _____, 1998.

WITHDRAWN

Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form:

Recording Secretary

Counsel