

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Between 1843 and the turn of the century, more than 350,000 people sold their homes, left family and friends, packed up their belongings and headed west on the Oregon Trail, looking for a better life; and

WHEREAS, About 50,000 emigrants traveled 2,000 miles from Independence, Missouri to Oregon, many reaching the End of the Oregon Trail at Oregon City, Oregon and then scattering throughout the Willamette and Tualatin Valleys; and

WHEREAS, Lot Whitcomb and other ambitious pioneers cleared the forest and built a thriving town called Milwaukie, meaning "meeting place of waters"; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, the 66th Oregon Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 169, which declared that the State of Oregon would participate in, and coordinate, the celebration activities and historical tourist attractions to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Great Migration Westward on the Oregon Trail; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County will be hosting a series of activities and events and invites Milwaukie and other communities to share their unique histories with the thousands of out-of-state visitors coming into the region;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Craig J. Lomnicki, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, do hereby proclaim the week of March 14, 1993 as:

"OREGON TRAIL AWARENESS WEEK"

and urge all citizens to join with me in supporting the activities and events planned for our community commemorating the Oregon Trail.


Craig J. Lomnicki, Mayor

ATTEST:


City Recorder

Date: March 16, 1993