

# Proclamation

Declaring February 14, 2009 Oregon's sesquicentennial  
(150<sup>th</sup> birthday)

**WHEREAS**, Oregon is rich in Native American culture and tradition that long preceded Oregon's admission to the Union and the arrival of trappers and settlers from the United States and other countries; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon was admitted to the Union on February 14, 1859; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregonians will commemorate Oregon's sesquicentennial on February 14, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, since joining the Union, Oregon has attracted and provided inspiration to generations of dreamers and innovators whose creative ideas have included pioneering laws such as the initiative and referendum, worker protections such as the eight-hour work day, women's suffrage, direct popular election of United States Senators, the bottle bill and public ownership of ocean beaches; and

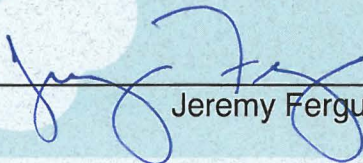
**WHEREAS**, creative Oregonians have also launched great business and technological innovations, from the oscilloscope to the world's fastest computer chip to the waffle sole; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregonians prize their glorious natural environment and lead the way toward sustainable practices, both economic and environmental; and


**WHEREAS**, Oregonians have always looked to the future, even as they commemorate Oregon's past; now, therefore,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeremy Ferguson, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, do hereby declare February 14, 2009 Oregon's sesquicentennial.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2009.

  
Jeremy Ferguson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Pat DuVal, City Recorder