PROCLAMATION

SEPTEMBER 5-11, 2011, AS NATIONAL PATRIOTISM WEEK

- Whereas, the benevolent and protective order of Elks, through its constitution, is a patriotic order; and
- Whereas, the order promotes the ideals that the citizens of this nation live in freedom, won through the great sacrifices and many tribulations which have provided the foundation for a free, prosperous and independent life; and
- **Whereas**, we realize that each generation must work to maintain this freedom, otherwise, through carelessness or indifference, the rights and liberties enjoyed may vanish; and
- Whereas, it is fitting and proper to recognize this freedom and to honor the nation, which provides it.

Now, Therefore, I, Doug Reeley, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, do proclaim

September 5-11, 2011 National Patriotism Week

And, urge all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of September 2011.

DOUG NEELEY, Mayor