

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Conde B. McCullough is known as the “King of the Oregon Bridge Designers,” is one of the leading bridge engineers in the United States between the world wars, and was the State’s bridge engineer from 1919 to 1935; and

Whereas, beginning in the early 1900s, Conde B. McCullough argued that bridges should be built efficiently, economically, and aesthetically; and

Whereas, in 1922, Conde B. McCullough designed a span to cross the Willamette River at Oregon City and the Grand Opening Celebration of the bridge was held in 1923; and

Whereas, in 2005, twelve of McCullough’s bridges were listed in the National Register of Historic Places, including the Willamette River Bridge, fondly called the “Arch Bridge” crossing the river from Oregon City to West Linn; and

Whereas, the Oregon Department of Transportation recognized that a significant number of its historic bridge structures were deteriorating in ways conventional maintenance could not control; and

Whereas, the concern that the structures would be lost to deterioration, compelled ODOT to make fundamental changes in its approach to historic bridge preservation; and

Whereas, in 2010, ODOT and the various stakeholders collaborated to begin work on restoring the bridge to its original load carrying capacity; installing upgrades to make the bridge safer, including guardrails, seismic features, and lighting; and to restore the bridge to its original look as much as possible; and

Whereas, the region wished to celebrate the re-opening of the bridge, and Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition, Clackamas County Tourism, the cities of Oregon City and West Linn, Oregon Department of Transportation, The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and numerous sponsors believed the re-opening of the bridge deserved an area-wide celebration and established the “2012 Willamette Falls Festival” on October 12-14, 2012.

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

October 14, 2012

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Re-Opening of the Oregon City/West Linn Arch Bridge

And, I submit a “Key to the City” to be placed in the Time Capsule being installed in the bridge for historic preservation.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of October 2012.

DOUG NEELEY, Mayor