

PROCLAMATION

HONORING THE FALLEN POLICE CHIEF OF RAINIER, OREGON
AND SUPPORTING THE CITY OF RAINIER AS IT HEALS FROM
THIS TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

Whereas, The City of Rainier, Oregon has suffered an unfathomable loss with the recent murder of its Police Chief; and

Whereas, Fallen Chief Ralph Painter served the citizens of Rainier as a most valuable public servant; and

Whereas, Law Enforcement is an honorable, hard-working profession that diligently seeks to make our communities more livable; and

Whereas, There is no greater sacrifice an Officer can make for their community than to give their life; and

Whereas, The murder of a Police Officer shocks the very soul of a community, our Government, and the very freedoms the Officers have sworn to protect; and

Whereas, The impact of this tragedy upon the Chief's family, friends, department and community is immeasurable.

Now, Therefore, I, Doug Neeley, Mayor of Oregon City, along with the City Commission, and the Citizens of Oregon City, Oregon, extend heartfelt condolences to the City of Rainier, Oregon - its staff, the Officer's family and its citizens. We mourn the loss of Rainier's valuable public servant, and pray for healing and hope in this time of need.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of January 2011.

DOUG NEELEY, Mayor