

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Milwaukie's history from all perspectives is important to understand, observe, and recognize, as commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Barlow Trail is an important part of our nation, state, and city histories; and

WHEREAS this city recognizes that the land known today as Milwaukie was inhabited by the Clackamas People until fur traders, missionaries, and White settlers introduced diseases that decimated the Clackamas from an estimated population of 4,650 in 1805 to 78 by 1853; and

WHEREAS this city recognizes that the Donation Land Claim Act of 1850 promoted homestead settlement in the Oregon Territory on un-surveyed lands to select claims without regard to legal subdivision and allowed White men to own 320 acres if single and 640 acres if married; and

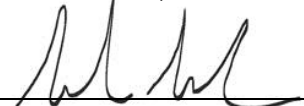
WHEREAS this city recognizes that the Donation Land Claim Act forced the Native populations to leave their ancestral lands and be placed onto reservations and excluded Black people and single women from the right to own property; and

WHEREAS this city recognizes that 2021 marks the 175th year of the Barlow Trail which helped convey White settlers along a long and unforgiving journey which began near the Mississippi River and followed the Oregon Trail, with many taking the Barlow Trail to reach Oregon City to settle lands and begin an expedition of hard work, dedication, and forming the American west into a part of the United States; and

WHEREAS because of settlers like Henderson Luelling, Mary Campbell Luelling, and Lot Whitcomb, who brought fruit trees and industry along the trail, Milwaukie and the West prospered and became the community we call home today.

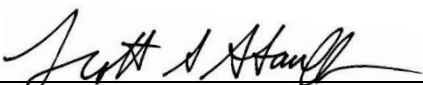
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Gamba, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 2021** as **BARLOW TRAIL 175th COMMEMORATION MONTH** in Milwaukie to encourage public understanding of the importance of all perspectives on histories for future generations.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 19th Day of October 2021.



Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

