PROCLAMATION

"Oregon City - West Linn Rivalry Day"

Whereas, the Cities of Oregon City and West Linn wish to recognize the efforts of their citizens to create and maintain a positive family environment where children can learn the value of constructive competition; and

Whereas, the Cities of Oregon City and West Linn value tradition and history as essential parts of their communities; and

Whereas, Oregon City High School and West Linn High School, formerly known as Union High School, have competed valiantly in the sport of football continuously since 1921 (except during the pandemic of 2020); and

Whereas, on October 28, 2022, the teams representing these schools will renew their annual rivalry for the 102nd time; and

Whereas, this is the longest continuously-played rivalry west of the Mississippi and therefore worthy of recognition; and

Whereas, the City Commission of Oregon City desires that the Pioneers again defeat the Lions and the City Council of West Linn desires that the Lions again defeat the Pioneers.

Now Therefore, we, the City Commission of Oregon City and the City Council of West Linn, hereby recognize and commend all citizens who have participated in this annual gridiron classic, and support the efforts of the current teams by proclaiming October 28, 2022, to be "Oregon City-West Linn Rivalry Day." We further recommend, in the spirit of the day, that all citizens wear clothing of the appropriate colors, and refrain from crossing the river, unless business requires, until game time.

The Honorable Denyse McGriff, Mayor
City of Oregon City

The Honorable Jules Walters, Mayor
City of West Linn

October 2022