

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	6 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Bentz, Galizio, Holvey, Thatcher, Witt, Read
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Bailey, Gilliam
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Meeting Dates:	5/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates January 29 of every year as Thomas Paine Day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon Sesquicentennial as the impetus for creating this annual event
- Thomas Paine believed in free, public education and was against slavery
- Several quotes that he authored are still commonly used

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Thomas Paine's 1776 pamphlet, "Common Sense," ignited the colonies with his call for an immediate declaration of independence from England. As one of the Founding Fathers, Paine supported the American Revolution through personal service, and his inspirational "Crisis Papers" where he urged the revolutionaries on with his famous words, "These are the times that try men's souls."

Paine was born on January 29, 1737, in England, and sailed to America in 1774. He also promoted universal and equal education for girls and boys, equality for women, religious freedom, and the concept of a league of nations. Paine died in 1809, at the age of 72 in New York City.