

Senate Joint Resolution 16

Sponsored by Senator GIROD

SUMMARY

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Designates osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) as official state bird.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Oregon is known both in fact and in the common imagination as a land of mighty for-
3 ests and mighty rivers; and

4 Whereas the osprey is a raptor whose habitat consists of forested areas around rivers and other
5 waters and whose diet consists entirely of fish found in those waters; and

6 Whereas the osprey resides in Oregon's forests and hunts the bounty of Oregon's rivers, lakes
7 and estuaries and has done so since before recorded history; and

8 Whereas the osprey is frequently present as a symbol of abundance in the lore of Native
9 Americans of the Pacific Northwest; and

10 Whereas the osprey, like many other raptors, suffered population declines as a result of the ef-
11 fects of DDT, but has demonstrated resiliency by returning to healthy population levels; and

12 Whereas the osprey is unusual among raptors in its adaptability, successfully coexisting in
13 proximity with significant human activity; and

14 Whereas the osprey is emblematic of healthy forests, water and fish and, as a symbol of abun-
15 dance, resilience and adaptability, represents some of the best qualities of Oregonians and the State
16 of Oregon; now, therefore,

17 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

18 That the osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) is recognized as and is designated to be the official bird of
19 the State of Oregon.

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.