

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Hoyle
Prepared By:	Erin Seiler, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Commemorates 100th anniversary of founding of City of West Linn.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Character of community of West Linn
- Founding of West Linn
- Residents' commitment to community stewardship
- Activities planned to commemorate anniversary

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The City of West Linn is located between the Willamette and Tualatin Rivers in Clackamas County. Settlers first occupied the pioneer settlement now known as West Linn in the early 1840's, when Robert Moore purchased 1,000 acres of land from the "Wallamut" (Willamette) Indians.

In 1845, Moore renamed the tiny town "Linn City" in honor of his friend, well-known free-state advocate Dr. Lewis F. Linn, a U.S. Senator from Missouri and sponsor of the Donation Land Claim Bill. On August 15, 1913, the City of West Linn incorporated, and encompassed the communities of Bolton, Sunset, West Oregon City, Willamette Heights and, as of 1916, the former town of Willamette.

In 2011, the City of West Linn was the Top-Ranked Oregon City on the CNN/Money Magazine 'Best Places to Live 2011' List, citing "breathtaking views of the Cascades and relatively low local taxes," and identifying such community assets as Music in the Park concert series, the historic Willamette area, the farmer's market, and the Street Dance. In 2012, the City of West Linn was named a Tree City USA Community by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to urban forestry. It is the 19th year West Linn has earned this national honor from the Arbor Day Foundation, the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees.

House Concurrent Resolution 18 recognizes the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of West Linn.