

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Concurrent Resolution 26**

Sponsored by Senator THATCHER, Representative POST

Whereas on April 4, 1949, Newberg's city council unanimously designated the camellia as the official city flower; and

Whereas over 65 years ago, Newberg announced its inaugural Camellia Festival; and

Whereas Newberg residents have been long-standing enthusiasts and supporters of camellias on a regional, state and national level; and

Whereas one such resident, Russel Gainer, who was an early promoter of Newberg's love of camellias, became the president of the Oregon Camellia Society and the Oregon-Washington state director of the American Camellia Society; and

Whereas camellias grace the lawns and gardens of many homes throughout Newberg, and an active camellia society has partnered with the Newberg Downtown Coalition to showcase dozens of camellia species in specially labeled planters made of barrels from wineries throughout the area; and

Whereas in 1997, Mayor Donna Proctor unveiled an official camellia flag for the city, which is displayed and flown regularly; and

Whereas Newberg is the host of the 2017 American Camellia Society convention, to be held on April 5 to April 8 of this year; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize Newberg as the Camellia City of Oregon.

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Adopted by Senate March 23, 2017

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House April 4, 2017

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House