

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 26

Sponsored by Senator THATCHER, Representative POST

## SUMMARY

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Recognizes Newberg as Camellia City of Oregon.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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