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## Clackamas County Board of Commissioners Policy Position HCR 202: Commemorating the Centennial of Rhododendron

**Clackamas County supports HCR 202:** The Board of County Commissioners supports HCR 202, commemorating the centennial anniversary of the town of Rhododendron.

Clackamas County is proud to be home to the end of the Oregon Trail and the beginning of many stories that began in the Northwest. Rhododendron served as a near final resting spot for many travelers navigating the trail past Mt. Hood and preparing to enter the Willamette Valley. As the resting place turned into a destination and built its first major inn in 1905, called the Rhododendron Inn, the community grew and eventually received a post office that was dedicated in 1920 for the area that would come to be named Rhododendron.

Today, Rhododendron is a vibrant mountain community home to nearly 2,000 residents, and it also serves as a travel destination for people visiting the scenic and wild areas of Clackamas County.

We urge a "YES" vote for HCR 202.

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