

## **RESOLUTION # R22-30**

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB-2410

WHEREAS, in November 2018, the voters within the Ontario School District 8C approved the formation of, and a tax base for, the Ontario Recreation District; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario Recreation District ("The District") was created by voters and is defined under ORS Chapter 266 – Parks and Recreation Districts through the Special Districts Association of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario Aquatic Center ("Aquatic Center") houses an indoor swimming pool, two large locker rooms, front desk area, office, and foyer with three restrooms which, because of a lack of funds, closed in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ontario found that the Aquatic Center will no longer be needed for a public use by the City after June 30, 2019, and The District was ready, willing, and able to take over the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the facilities after June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The District finds it necessary to pursue the development of the Ontario Community Recreation Center ("OCRC") for the purposes of improving access to physical activity, a safe community space as well as direct and indirect social services that will enhance the economic viability of the region, create jobs and improve the quality of life for the community; and

WHEREAS, The District, in partnership with local state representatives, have submitted a concept for the 2023 legislative sessions (HB-2410); and

WHEREAS, HB-2410 authorizes issuance of lottery bonds for distribution to the Ontario Recreation District to facilitate the construction and project management of the Ontario Community Recreation Center, effective July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Malheur County Court to support HB-2410.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Malheur County Court implores the Oregon Governor and the Oregon State Legislature to authorize issuance of lottery bonds for the Ontario Community Recreation Center project by adopting HB-2410.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of December 2022.

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT

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Dan P. Joyce, County Judge

Don Hodge, County Commissioner

Ron Jacobs, County Commissioner