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**IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION 07-

)IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING  
)RAY AND KATHY ROBINSON FOR  
)CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING  
)THE "MEADOWS AND LAKE KATHLEEN  
)RAILROAD" IN DEADWOOD, OREGON  
)AND COMMEMORATING THE DRIVING OF  
)THE GOLDEN SPIKE ON OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2007

**WHEREAS**, Ray and Kathy Robinson have been passionately working to construct "The Meadows & Lake Kathleen Railroad" (M&LK RR) on their 41-acres of forested property near Deadwood, Oregon for the past twelve years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ray and Kathy Robinson logged several thousand hours, and spent tens of thousands of dollars, along with the help of many neighbors and friends who also contributed countless hours and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the 18-gauge M&LK RR main line will consist of 5,500 linear feet of track (12 lb rail), with three sidings, 4 bridges, 4 trestles, a rock tunnel and balloon track, all supported by a branch line with a turn table and a two spur tracks in the engine house, and eventually a depot, all of which traversing over an elevation difference of just 20 feet; and

**WHEREAS**, the M&LK RR will have at its command an assortment of engines, ranging from oil-fired steam, to diesel hydraulic, gasoline to DC electric, as well as people-powered, and an assortment of cars ranging from passenger to flat cars and dump to ballast cars; and

**WHEREAS**, the Robinson family provides limited public access to their property and rides on their private M&KL RR most Sundays, and offers limited private services to the community for weddings, company picnics, scouting and other special events; and

**NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Lane County Board of Commissioners wish to recognize and honor both Kathy and Ray Robinson for their contribution to the citizens of Lane County of a traditional 1/4 scale railroad following a 1.1 mile route traversing long trussed-bridges looking down 25 feet into a crystal clear stream full of trout and crawdads, then through a man-made rock tunnel, emerging out onto a panorama of flowers and trees, and lastly over a beautiful lake of lilies and cattails; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Lane County Board of Commissioners wish to thank Ray and Kathy Robinson, and all of the volunteers, who helped by contributing time and resources, to constructing, maintaining and operating a small scale railroad for the benefit of the citizens of Lane County.

**IT IS FURTHERMORE RESOLVED**, the Board of County Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Lane county, also wish to thank the Robinson's for planting over 550 trees, a few thousand native plants and restoring, protecting and preserving the natural beauty, the crystal clear waters and environment where the railroad is located, thereby, collectively making our community a better place to live, work and raise our families.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007

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Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners