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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR POLK COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)
POLK COUNTY'S OPPOSITION TO)
SENATE BILL 1530: AN ACT RELATING)
TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.)

PROCLAMATION NO. 20-03

WHEREAS, The Polk County Commissioners represent approximately 83,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Polk County provides critical services to citizens that are not duplicated by others such as Health and Human services, Public Safety and Justice Systems, Public Works and Road Systems, Parks and Tourism, Tax Collection, Assessment and Taxation, Planning and Land Use regulation, County Records and Elections; and

WHEREAS, Polk County government and its citizens have suffered substantially for decades under restrictions of property tax limitations that were expected to be balanced by natural resource taxes (timber revenues) that is now in even more peril from the threat of SB1530 as that industry struggles further to survive in Polk County; and

WHEREAS, SB1530 will negatively impact nearly all Polk County agricultural enterprises with increased costs of fuels, regulation, equipment upgrades; and

WHEREAS, SB1530 will burden Polk County citizens even further in their daily costs to commute to their jobs from a rural county that does not have, nor could possibly justify a mass transit system to offer them a lower carbon option; and

WHEREAS, SB1530 will burden all freight transportation to and from Polk County citizens and businesses that will not be absorbed by industry, once again leaving the entire expense of this grand experiment in the laps of Polk County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Polk County was starting to have hope that a robust general economy was finally going to buoy the county government revenue shortfalls of many decades and allow Polk County citizens a chance at life without constant shortfall threat, even in the face of the state-owned PERS mismanagement that threatens all local governments; and

WHEREAS, from our view, any benefits derived from the implementation of SB1530, many of which are in dispute, do not justify the penalties and costs imposed on us by this bill.

Now, therefore, The Polk County Board of Commissioners PROCLAIMS:

Polk County, Oregon is opposed to SB1530 of the 80th Oregon Legislative Assembly and all punitive impacts and costs associated should this bill be passed.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2020

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Mike Ainsworth, Chair



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