

# House Concurrent Resolution 29

Sponsored by Representative MOORE-GREEN (at the request of Blake Whitson)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Honors Salem Elks Lodge for its community involvement and charitable contributions.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) is one of the oldest and largest  
3 fraternal organizations in the nation; and

4       Whereas since its inception in 1868, the BPOE has been committed to the ideals of charity and  
5 community betterment; and

6       Whereas the BPOE lodge in Salem, Oregon, has a long history of investing in the community  
7 through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of veterans and  
8 improve the quality of life for all; and

9       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge and its members have volunteered countless hours and donated  
10 more than \$17 million to make the Salem community a better place; and

11       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge is dedicated to improving the lives of veterans and Oregon Na-  
12 tional Guard personnel and their families; and

13       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge provides financial support for homeless veterans transitioning  
14 into stable housing; and

15       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge annually spends thousands of dollars providing gifts to the chil-  
16 dren of veterans and military personnel who find themselves in need during the Christmas season;  
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18       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge has provided meals for staff members at the Oregon Veterans'  
19 Home in Lebanon since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Salem Elks Lodge regu-  
20 larly provides snacks and requested items for the veterans who live in the home; and

21       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge supports foster children, children with disabilities, homeless  
22 families and others in need in the community; and

23       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge provides Christmas gifts and needed items to improve the lives  
24 of the children at the Oregon School for the Deaf; and

25       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge supports education, providing scholarships worth almost \$10,000  
26 per year to area students; and

27       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge distributes hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies to  
28 children of veterans and military personnel, the Oregon School for the Deaf and the Salem-Keizer  
29 Public Schools; and

30       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge has provided support to many local organizations, including  
31 Marion Polk Food Share, Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley, the Kroc Center, Boys  
32 and Girls Club of Salem, Marion and Polk Counties, Horses of Hope Oregon and the Salem Police

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Department's D.A.R.E. program; and

2       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge works with local partners to provide a free Thanksgiving meal  
3 to homeless persons and anyone else in need in the community; and

4       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge offers a free Veterans Day meal to veterans in need; and

5       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge has assisted with disaster relief efforts for those impacted by  
6 typhoons in the Pacific islands and wildfires in Oregon; and

7       Whereas the Salem Elks Lodge has created a quiet network of good deeds that have bettered  
8 the community, yet there is little public awareness of the impact of their vital work; now, therefore,

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

10       That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, honor the Salem Elks Lodge for  
11 its remarkable charitable work, which has made the Salem community a better place and profoundly  
12 changed countless lives.

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