



March 28th 2023

State of Oregon
Attn: 82nd OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--2023 Regular Session
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Commemorates 150th anniversary of opening of Willamette Falls Locks:

As a member of the Willamette Falls Locks Authority, I would like to recognize the 150 years of diversified history from connecting communities to supporting local jobs to operating as a crucial component for commercial mode of transportation. Also, I would like to express my support for the Historic National Register of Historic Places designation as an Oregon Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. As a resident of Oregon City there is a strong desire to see the WFLA restored and rebuild a sense of pride for our local communities and Oregonians Statewide. The WFLA reopening offers an opportunity to reimagine the investment opportunities and unite the many communities up and down the river to support :

- Increased economic growth
- Opportunities for local businesses
- Outreach for many communities
- Increased job opportunities
- Improve families health, education and financial position
- Stewardship for our environment and quality of life for future generations

Our State has always struggled with addressing longterm transportation solutions. I believe WFLA is well position to support different modes of transportation, recreational use and improve the livability and stewardship throughout the region.

We have a responsibility to recognize the history and push the Alliance forward to promote partnerships, leverage and development of the WFLA assets within the region to drive the greatest economic return, job growth, and sustainable destination development.

I urge you to continue giving favorable consideration to the future of WFLA and making it accessible for all Oregonian and visitors.

Thank you

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