

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon ("Tribe") and the State of Oregon ("State") share a common vision of wise stewardship of big game animals on Tribal lands, and share a deep commitment to protecting those resources for present and future generations, and

WHEREAS: The Tribe and State recognize the Tribe's needs for additional opportunities to use big game animals for important Tribal ceremonial events, and intend to accommodate those needs consistent with current legal authority, and

WHEREAS: The Tribe has a professional resource management team particularly knowledgeable about game management issues on Tribal lands, and

WHEREAS: The Tribe and State recognize the Tribe's interest in assuming additional responsibility for establishing game management plans and strategies for Tribal lands, and

WHEREAS: Staff for the Tribe and State have developed a conceptual plan by which the Tribe's need for additional game animals for ceremonial purposes and additional stewardship responsibilities could be satisfied, and


WHEREAS: The Tribe and State have an identified policy and technical staff whose responsibility it is to complete the technical aspects and initiate the procedure to implement such a government-to-government arrangement, and

WHEREAS: The Tribe and State commit to continue to discuss issues of resource management on Tribal lands in conjunction with this effort.


NOW,

THEREFORE, The State, through the Governor and the Chair of the Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the Tribe, through the Chair of the Tribal Council, direct staff to work to complete government-to-government agreements for adoption by the appropriate legal authority that will address these issues.

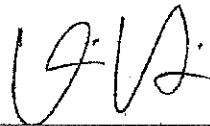
SIGNED this second day of August, 2007.



Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor
State of Oregon



Marla Rae, Chair
Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission



Chris Mercier, Tribal Council Chairperson
Confederated Tribes of the
Grand Ronde Community of Oregon