

**PROCLAMATION  
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
STATE OF OREGON**

**WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon, through the Oregon Department of Transportation, is constructing a new signature bridge where Interstate 5 crosses the Willamette River in Eugene-Springfield; and

**WHEREAS:** A goal of the department is to design and construct bridges that are sensitive to the landscape, preserve local history, and reflect cultural and community values; and

**WHEREAS:** The new bridge lies within the boundaries of the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park, so named in honor of the area's first indigenous people, the Kalapuya Tribe; and

**WHEREAS:** A principle objective of the Whilamut Natural Area is to illustrate and teach park visitors about the many historic and cultural contributions of the Kalapuya Tribe; and

**WHEREAS:** "Whilamut" in the Kalapuya language means "where the river ripples and runs fast;" and

**WHEREAS:** The department has adopted the theme of Whilamut Passage in designing and constructing elements of the new bridge to reflect the importance of the area as a historic river crossing; and

**WHEREAS:** The department is procuring and installing aesthetic design enhancements, both in the Whilamut Natural Area and along Interstate 5, that reflect the Whilamut Passage theme by illustrating the art and culture of the Kalapuya Tribe and tribal history for the enjoyment of future generations; and

**WHEREAS:** The Oregon Department of Transportation seeks to further acknowledge and honor the historic and cultural significance of the Kalapuya Tribe as the first occupants of the Whilamut Natural Area;

**NOW THEREFORE:** I, Sonny Chickering, Oregon Department of Transportation Region 2 manager, hereby proclaim the official name of the new bridge carrying Interstate 5 over the Willamette River to be the

***Whilamut Passage Bridge***

in honor of the rich historic and cultural contributions of the Kalapuya Tribe to this region.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed on this day, September 29, 2012.



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Sonny P.A. Chickering, ODOT Region 2 Manager