

Report of Independent Auditors

December 31, 2016 and 2015

**OREGON STATE GRANGE
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
Contributions	\$ 22,906	\$ 302,302	\$ 4,690	\$ 329,898
Membership dues	201,824	6,811	-	208,635
Bulletin	8,627	-	-	8,627
Rental income	18,152	-	-	18,152
Investment income, net	33,062	38,745	-	71,807
Realized/unrealized gain on investments	134,795	-	-	134,795
Other revenue	9,055	-	-	9,055
	<u>355,009</u>	<u>(355,009)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets released from restrictions				
Total support and revenue	<u>783,430</u>	<u>(7,151)</u>	<u>4,690</u>	<u>780,969</u>
EXPENSES				
Building costs	16,942	-	-	16,942
Bulletin	18,156	-	-	18,156
Committee	30,869	-	-	30,869
Program costs	70,377	-	-	70,377
Trust funds	282,890	-	-	282,890
General and administrative	268,938	-	-	268,938
	<u>688,172</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>688,172</u>
Total expenses				
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	95,258	(7,151)	4,690	92,797
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>830,899</u>	<u>1,937,150</u>	<u>208,525</u>	<u>2,976,574</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 926,157</u>	<u>\$ 1,929,999</u>	<u>\$ 213,215</u>	<u>\$ 3,069,371</u>

See accompanying notes.

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
Contributions	\$ 27,701	\$ 366,307	\$ 2,445	\$ 396,453
Membership dues	193,814	5,776	-	199,590
Bulletin	8,894	-	-	8,894
Rental income	18,012	-	-	18,012
Investment income, net	30,438	37,113	-	67,551
Realized/unrealized loss on investments	(56,400)	-	-	(56,400)
Other revenue	6,874	-	-	6,874
	<u>339,520</u>	<u>(339,520)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets released from restrictions				
	<u>339,520</u>	<u>(339,520)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support and revenue	<u>568,853</u>	<u>69,676</u>	<u>2,445</u>	<u>640,974</u>
EXPENSES				
Building costs	15,763	-	-	15,763
Bulletin	16,478	-	-	16,478
Committee	22,240	-	-	22,240
Program costs	95,178	-	-	95,178
Trust funds	243,308	-	-	243,308
General and administrative	243,899	-	-	243,899
	<u>636,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>636,866</u>
Total expenses				
	<u>636,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>636,866</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(68,013)	69,676	2,445	4,108
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>898,912</u>	<u>1,867,474</u>	<u>206,080</u>	<u>2,972,466</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 830,899</u>	<u>\$ 1,937,150</u>	<u>\$ 208,525</u>	<u>\$ 2,976,574</u>

See accompanying notes.

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**OREGON STATE GRANGE
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2016	2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ 92,797	\$ 4,108
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	9,303	9,303
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(134,795)	56,400
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	11,818	(4,250)
Dormant grange funds	(93,027)	135,179
Other liabilities	-	(32,956)
Net cash from operating activities	<u>(113,904)</u>	<u>167,784</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of investments	(43,664)	(121,933)
Proceeds from sale of investments	50,000	3,807
Loans to subordinate granges	(15,383)	(30,000)
Collections on contracts receivable	31,165	42,792
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>22,118</u>	<u>(105,334)</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(91,786)	62,450
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	<u>125,509</u>	<u>63,059</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	<u>\$ 33,723</u>	<u>\$ 125,509</u>

See accompanying notes.

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OREGON STATE GRANGE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of organization - On September 24, 1873, the masters of the thirty-seven subordinate granges, together with masters of four subordinate granges from Washington territory, organized the Oregon State Grange ("Grange" or the "Organization"). Subsequently, in 1933, the Oregon State Grange was incorporated in the State of Oregon without capital stock. The Oregon State Grange was organized for the primary purpose of advancing the interests of agriculture. The Oregon State Grange is subject to and governed by the constitution and regulations of the National Grange.

Basis of presentation - The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Revenues and expenses are recognized in the period in which they are incurred. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted net assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily restricted net assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. The Organization had temporarily restricted net assets of \$1,929,999 and \$1,937,150 as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Permanently restricted net assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Organization. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Organization to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes. The Organization had permanently restricted net assets related to its life income memberships of \$213,215 and \$208,525 as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Cash and cash equivalents - The Organization considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired to be cash equivalents. The Organization may maintain cash and money market funds in accounts which exceed amounts insured by government agencies. The Organization does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk on cash, and has not experienced any losses on such accounts.

Investments - Investments are primarily comprised of interest bearing cash, mutual funds, U.S. government securities, and corporate and municipal bonds and are carried at fair value. Interest, dividends and gains and losses (both realized and unrealized) on investments are included in the statement of activities in revenues and other support. Investment income is reported net of investment fees which totaled \$27,454 and \$20,566 for 2016 and 2015, respectively. While the majority of investments are held on behalf of the Grange by a financial service company, individual investment decisions are made by the Grange's Executive Committee.

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Investment decisions by the Grange's Executive Committee are guided by a conservative investment policy that is designed to protect capital and guard against inflation. However, since the Grange's investments are primarily comprised of interest bearing cash, mutual funds, U.S. government securities, and corporate and municipal bonds, significant changes in prevailing interest rates and market conditions may adversely affect the timing and amount of cash flows on such investments and their related values. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible, although remote, that changes in values in the near term could materially affect the Grange's financial position and the amounts reported in the statements of activities.

Contracts receivable - The Grange's contracts receivable reflect amounts due from subordinate granges under promissory note agreements. The Grange charges interest on these contracts at rates varying from 5.0% to 8.0%. Contracts receivable are evaluated for collectability based on credit history of the borrowers and their current financial condition. Provisions for losses on contracts receivable are determined on the basis of loss experience, known and inherent risks in the loan portfolio, the estimated value of underlying collateral, and current economic conditions. No provision for loss was considered necessary by management at December 31, 2016 and 2015, as all borrowers are paying in accordance with terms.

Property and equipment - Property and equipment in excess of \$500 is capitalized at cost. Major renewals and betterments are capitalized, while replacements, maintenance and repairs which do not improve or extend the lives of the respective assets are charged to expense currently. Contributed property and equipment is capitalized at its fair market value at the date of the donation. If donors stipulate how long the assets must be used, the contributions are recorded as restricted support. In the absence of such stipulations, contributions of property and equipment are recorded as unrestricted support. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method at rates based on the estimated useful life of the property.

Dormant grange funds - Dormant grange funds consist of funds received from dormant granges that are held in trust by the Grange. Once a subordinate grange is declared dormant by the State Master, the building is taken under control by the Grange, as well as any assets including checking and savings accounts. Any retrieved funds are deposited into the Grange's investment account and recorded as dormant grange funds. The Grange's by-laws require that these funds be held in trust for a period of seven years, after which time they revert to the Oregon State Grange to be used for organizing new subordinate grange, junior granges, or as a source of funds to provide training to Grange leaders. The dormant grange fund liability consisted of \$351,663 and \$444,690 as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Revenue recognition - The Grange records revenues and expenses on the accrual basis of accounting. Membership dues are recorded when received due to uncertainty of collection. Contributions received are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation as unrestricted or temporarily restricted support depending upon the nature and/or existence of any donor restrictions.

The Grange records property including cash, investments and buildings received from subordinate granges that have been dormant for a period longer than 7 years and have failed to reorganize as temporarily restricted contributions for financial statement reporting purposes. Donor-restricted support is recorded as an increase in temporarily restricted net assets, depending upon the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose of a restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified as unrestricted net asset and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Fair value of financial instruments - The Grange has adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") authoritative guidance that defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

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Interest-bearing cash (money market accounts): Money market accounts are valued using \$1 for the net asset value (NAV).

Registered investment companies (mutual funds): Shares of registered investment company funds (or mutual funds) are valued at the NAV of shares held by the Organization and are valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

U.S. government securities, corporate and municipal bonds: Valued at the closing price reported on the major market on which the individual securities are traded or have reported broker trades which may be considered indicative of an active market. Where quoted prices are available in an active market, the investments are classified within level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. If quoted market prices are not available for the specific security, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, discounted cash flows and other observable inputs. Such securities are classified within level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

Functional expenses - Expenses for the Grange are summarized according to the function classification of program services and support services. Certain expenses are allocated among functions based on a variety of methods. Program services include building, bulletin, committee, trust fund and other program expenses. Supporting services include general and administrative expenses.

Program services

Building - Building costs include normal repair and maintenance of the building and the associated grounds, as well as utility, security and insurance expenses. Property taxes are included for the rental of Suite 200.

Bulletin - The Bulletin is a bi-monthly publication going out to each Grange household. Approximately 3,600 copies are distributed with each publication and expense costs include printing and mailing as well as the per issue salary of the Editor.

Committee - The State Grange has 12 appointed committees with various duties. Each committee is represented by a Director and a district chair for each of the 6 distinct districts. Also included in committee expense are the expenses incurred by the Executive Committee of the State Grange.

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NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Trust funds - State and National by-laws require that any real property sold by a Subordinate or Pomona Grange must come to the State Grange to be held in trust for that Subordinate or Pomona Grange. These sales include the sale of buildings from consolidated Granges as well as the sale of portions of an existing Grange property. These trust funds are accessible by the Subordinate or Pomona at any time via the Executive Committee.

Program costs - Fund raising for outside charities as well as for State Grange activities takes place within many of the committees and is considered part of program costs. Program costs also include expenses for the annual State Convention and travel to the National convention for Grange delegates.

General and administrative - These expenses are related to the administrative, fiscal, personnel, accounting, and organization-wide functions necessary for the Grange to operate.

Income taxes - The Grange is a not-for-profit organization as described in Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from federal income taxes. The Organization has also been classified as an entity that is not a private foundation within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision has been made for income taxes in the financial statements pursuant to Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 740, Income Taxes. The Grange did not have any uncertain tax positions in connection with these financial statements. Generally, the Grange is subject to examination by U.S. federal, state, and local income tax authorities for three years from the filing of a tax return.

Use of estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassifications - Certain amounts in the prior year's presentation have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on previously reported net income.

New accounting pronouncements - In August 2016, the Federal Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-14, *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958)*, which improves the current net asset classification requirements and the information presented in financial statements and notes about an entity's liquidity, financial performance, and cash flows. The update removes the requirement to present three classes of net assets with two classes, net assets with donor restrictions and net assets without donor restrictions. The update also removes the requirement to present or disclose the indirect method (reconciliation) if using the direct method for the statement of cash flows as well as added several additional enhanced disclosures to the financial statement notes. This update is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, with early adoption permitted. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of ASU No. 2016-14 on the financial statements.

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NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Subsequent events - Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the statement of financial position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued. The Grange recognizes in the financial statements the effects of all subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the statement of financial position, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing the financial statements. The Grange's financial statements do not recognize subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the date of the statement of financial position but arose after the statement of financial position date and before the financial statements are available to be issued.

The Grange has evaluated subsequent events through June 15, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 2 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following table discloses, by level, the fair value hierarchy as of December 31:

	2016			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 35,951	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,951
Registered investment companies:	1,592,800	-	-	1,592,800
Corporate bonds	-	556,326	-	556,326
Municipal bonds	-	608,060	-	608,060
	<u>\$ 1,628,751</u>	<u>\$ 1,164,386</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,793,137</u>
	2015			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 72,224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,224
Registered investment companies:	1,413,757	-	-	1,413,757
Corporate bonds	-	563,903	-	563,903
Municipal bonds	-	614,789	-	614,789
	<u>\$ 1,485,981</u>	<u>\$ 1,178,692</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,664,673</u>

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NOTE 3 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2016	2015
Land	\$ 97,360	\$ 97,360
Building	311,676	311,676
Furniture and fixtures	18,787	22,741
	427,823	431,777
Less accumulated depreciation	(191,446)	(186,093)
	\$ 236,377	\$ 245,684

Real property owned by the Grange consists of an office building and parking area and a log cabin constructed at the State Fairgrounds in Salem. A portion of the office building is leased to a tenant on a month-to-month basis at approximately \$1,500 per month.

NOTE 4 - CONTRACTS RECEIVABLE

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2016	2015
Contracts with various granges, with monthly, quarterly, or annual payments from \$100 to \$5,000 including interest at varying amounts from 5% to 8%, with maturity dates between March 2017 and March 2039, unsecured.	\$ 405,501	\$ 421,284
Less current portion	(66,969)	(39,358)
Contracts receivable, long-term portion	\$ 338,532	\$ 381,926

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**OREGON STATE GRANGE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****NOTE 5 - BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP DESIGNATED NET ASSETS**

As of December 31, unrestricted net assets have been Board and Membership Designated as being available for the following purposes:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2016	2015
Building Fund	\$ 184,253	\$ 184,253
National Convention Fund	28,922	28,292
Leadership Fund	186,954	190,469
Directors' Fund	12,151	12,253
Emergency Fund	137,730	130,090
	<u>\$ 550,010</u>	<u>\$ 545,357</u>

NOTE 6 - TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

As of December 31, temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2016	2015
Spence Memorial	\$ 12,022	\$ 12,243
Youth Activities	5,321	5,157
State Convention	20,535	16,712
Reverted Dormant Grange Funds	550,509	425,860
Subordinate Trust Funds	1,339,036	1,474,148
Various	2,576	3,030
	<u>\$ 1,929,999</u>	<u>\$ 1,937,150</u>

Resolutions Approved at the 2017 State Convention

Thirty eight resolutions were adopted to re-affirm policies in the *Oregon State Grange Legislative Policies* handbook that were scheduled to sunset. These resolutions have neither Whereases nor Resolveds. Each statement is a separate bullet. Their titles correspond to section headings in the handbook.

Agriculture (AG)

AG #5: Active Support for Ending Neonicotinoid Use by General Public

- Whereas: At least one of every three bites of our food is because of pollination services provided by honey bees, native bees, and other pollinators; and
- Whereas: The economic benefit from pollination services to Oregon agriculture is more than \$600 million annually; and
- Whereas: 85% of the plants we see around us are pollinated by insects, including trees, shrubs and other flowering plants in our landscapes; and
- Whereas: The Oregon State Grange recognizes the critical importance of pollinator species for our agriculture, economy, and ecosystem, and supports policies that ensure healthy pollinator species; and
- Whereas: Five of the seven neonicotinoids are among the most widely sold pesticides in the US and are the active ingredients in common garden and lawn products in retail outlets and garden centers: Imidacloprid, Thiamethoxam, Clothianidin, Acetamiprid, and Dinotefuran; and
- Whereas: Neonicotinoids are systemic pesticides, which means the insecticide is incorporated into every part of a plant and cannot be washed off; and
- Whereas: Pollen and nectar of treated plants are toxic to bees and other pollinators. Studies have found neonicotinoids in beeswax and propolis inside honey bee hives, affecting subsequent generations; and
- Whereas: Studies show that even sub-lethal doses of neonicotinoids have short- and long-term impacts on bees and other pollinators; bird populations are declining as a result of exposure to neonicotinoids; and
- Whereas: Neonicotinoids are extremely persistent and can remain active in soil and water for up to a decade; and
- Whereas: Applications of neonicotinoids to lawns, gardens and trees result in neonicotinoids entering creeks and wetlands through runoff, leaching, and drift. Neonicotinoids are being found in our nations' waterways and drinking water. Therefore be it
- Resolved: Neonicotinoids be available only to certified and licensed applicators.

By-Laws (BL)

BL #2: Update Deaf Awareness/Family Health Committee Name

- Whereas: Deaf Awareness/Family Health is recognized as a committee of the Oregon State Grange; and
- Whereas: The By-laws of the Oregon State Grange are inconsistent on the committee name, using both Deaf Activities and Deaf Awareness in describing it; and
- Whereas: The work of the committee is to foster awareness and consideration of the needs of deaf and hard of hearing people, but not generally to provide deaf activities. Therefore be it
- Resolved: Oregon State Grange change "Deaf Activities" to "Deaf Awareness" in the following sections:
- 1.13.10(d)(2)
 - 1.15.1(a)
 - 1.15.5
 - 3.8.3
 - 4.15.2

BL #3: Election Board for Preferential Election

- Whereas: The election board for the Preferential Election for the Oregon State Grange officers requires "six Pomona Masters and other members as needed"; and
- Whereas: There are often not enough current Pomona Masters available to fill the requirements, especially since those that have been nominated for State office cannot serve on the election board. Therefore be it
- Resolved: **Article 1 Section 9, Preferential Election 1.9.1** be changed to read:
- "Not later than April 1 of the year in which a Preferential Election is to be held as herein provided, the Master of the Oregon State Grange shall appoint an Election Board, consisting of six Pomona Masters, **Past Pomona Masters, County Deputies, and/or past state officers** and other members as needed. The Board shall canvass the reported ballots of Preferential Election and report its findings to the State Master. "

BL #4: Nomination Deadlines for State Officers

- Whereas: Currently nominations for state office must happen in January; and
- Whereas: They must be reported to the state office by February 5 and printed in the February Bulletin; and
- Whereas: Many Subordinate/Community Granges miss either their December or January meeting because of weather; and
- Whereas: The February Bulletin is scheduled to go to print no later than February 1st. Therefore be it
- Resolved: **Article 1 Section 8, Officer Nominations 1.8.1 (a)** be changed to read:

“At any regular meeting **in November or December of odd years or** January of even years, Subordinate/ Community Granges may, by majority vote, present the names of members to become candidates for the offices of the Oregon State Grange. The names of such members must be presented by a minimum of one Subordinate/Community Grange before their names can be entered on the Preferential Election ballot.” And be it further

Resolved: **Article 1 Section 8, Officer Nominations 1.8.1 (c)** be changed to read: “The names presented shall be filed by mail or electronic means with the State Office not later than 5:00 p.m. **January 25**. Results of the nominations listing all members receiving one or more nominations and the Granges from which they were received shall be published in the February issue of the Grange Bulletin.”

BL #5: Life Membership Minimum Fee

Whereas: The current minimum fee for a Life Membership is \$250.00; and

Whereas: It has been that price for many, many years; and

Whereas: The interest return amount does not come close to paying the minimum annual dues of \$45.00; and

Whereas: Subordinate Grange can set a higher price but most don't; and

Whereas: As a State Grange we are charged with taking care of our subordinate chapters and by not setting a reasonable price for a life membership, the delegate body is setting up the Subordinate Granges to fail financially. Therefore be it

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange raise the minimum fee for a Life Membership to ten times the minimum annual dues and rewrite **Article 4, Section 7.2 Life Membership** of the By-laws to read:

(a) The minimum fee for a Life Membership for a current member shall not be less than **ten times the minimum annual dues**. A Grange may increase the minimum fee charged for such Life Memberships by making a provision in its by-Laws.

BL #6: Life Membership Interest Returns

Whereas: The OSG Life Membership interest payments are now sent back to each Subordinate/Community Grange; and

Whereas: The Subordinate/Community Grange deposits the check in the bank. That is if the check has not been lost in the mail causing Oregon State Grange to pay for stop payment on the check and issue new one; and

Whereas: The Subordinate/Community Grange then writes a check for its quarterly dues back to Oregon State Grange. Therefore be it

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange shall credit the interest return from the annual Life Membership return for each Subordinate/Community Grange from the second quarter report bill before being sent. And be it further

Resolved: Oregon State Grange By-Laws section of Life Membership, sub-section **4.7.10 Investment Income Return, section (a)** be rewritten to read:

“(a) By the fifteenth (15th) day of May the income generated by the investment of the Life Membership Fund be credited to the participating Subordinate/Community Granges. This income shall be paid on a pro-rata basis determined by the balance of the Life Membership Fund at the beginning of the previous year. No later than the second quarterly report, the income generated by the investments of the Life Membership shall be credited against the amount of dues to be paid by the Subordinate/Community Grange for the second quarter.”

BL #7: Pomona Grange Dues

Whereas: Several Granges in Oregon are not part of a Pomona district; and

Whereas: The Oregon State Grange has continued to collect dues on these members for Pomona when no Pomona exists; and

Whereas: The hosting of the annual Oregon State Grange convention is now assigned on a rotating basis to districts usually made of up of several Pomonas. Therefore be it

Resolved: **Article 3 (Pomona Grange) Section 4 Dues** have the following added:

“3.4.4 If a Subordinate/Community Grange is not part of an organized Pomona district, then the Pomona dues collected shall be held in trust for the district that Grange is a member of and then forwarded to the State Grange hosting district that Grange is part of instead of being paid to a Pomona Grange. These funds shall be forwarded in February of the year that district is hosting State Grange.”

BL #8: State Executive Committee Members

Whereas: Currently the elected members of the Oregon State Grange Executive Committee represent a district made up of specific Pomonas; and

Whereas: Many Granges in Oregon are no longer even assigned to a Pomona Grange; and

Whereas: Said Executive Committee members must reside in one of those Pomonas; and

Whereas: Many Granges/Grangers get confused between standing committee districts and Executive Committee districts when nominating members for the Executive Committee offices; and

Whereas: This confusion often renders their nominations invalid. Therefore be it

Resolved: **Section 8, Officer Nominations 1.8.1(b)** be changed to read:

“Nominees for the offices of Executive Committee shall be a member of a Grange within the counties assigned to the position and shall be nominated and elected by the state at large. These positions to be as follows: Position 1- Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, and Polk counties. Position 2 -Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Hood River, Multnomah, Sherman, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington and Yamhill counties. Position 3 -Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler counties.

BL #9: Lower Mileage Reimbursement Rate

- Whereas: The Oregon State Grange provides a reimbursement rate of \$0.40 a mile for those who travel on official Oregon State Grange business: and
- Whereas: The Oregon State Grange is a non-profit volunteer organization that must closely monitor how funds are spent: and
- Whereas: Automobiles are averaging 20 miles per gallon or more; the current rate of reimbursement of \$0.40 a mile is excessive: and
- Whereas: The IRS recognizes a lower reimbursement of \$0.14 per mile driven in service to charitable organizations starting Jan. 1, 2017: and
- Whereas: For example: a 1000 mile trip at 20 mpg would require 50 gallons of fuel at \$3.00 a gallon would equal \$150.00 in fuel: and
- Whereas: The reimbursement at \$0.40 a mile would be \$400.00, which is more than needed. Therefore be it
- Resolved: The reimbursement rate for the Oregon State Grange be lowered to \$0.30 mile effective July 1, 2017.

Education (ED)

ED #1: Textbook 'Get Oregonized' for Oregon Classrooms

- Whereas: The textbook '**Get Oregonized**' has been continually updated and is available through the Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) Foundation at Oregon State University. Therefore be it
- Resolved: The Oregon State Grange endorses textbooks in our public schools that present agricultural practices realistically and honestly. And be it further
- Resolved: The Oregon State Grange endorses the book entitled '**Get Oregonized**' as such a textbook. And be it further
- Resolved: The Oregon State Grange Education Committee encourages local Granges to work with their local schools to get '**Get Oregonized**' adopted as a textbook and develop guidelines/talking points for local Granges to use to accomplish this goal.

ED #2: Resolution Opposing Common Core State Standards

- Whereas: The copyrighted (and therefore practically unchangeable) Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a set of controversial top-down K-12 academic standards that were promulgated by wealthy private interests without research-based evidence of validity and are developmentally inappropriate in the lowest grades; and
- Whereas: As a means of avoiding the U.S. Constitution's 10th Amendment prohibition against federal meddling in state education policy, two unaccountable private trade associations (the National Governors Association [NGA] and the Council of Chief State School Officers [CCSSO]) have received millions of dollars in funding from the Gates Foundation and others to create the CCSS; and

- Whereas: The U.S. Department of Education improperly pressured state legislatures into adopting the Common Core State Standards and high-stakes standardized testing as a condition of competing for federal Race to the Top (RTTT) stimulus funds that should have been based on need; and
- Whereas: As a result of the Oregon State Board of Education's adoption of the Common Core State Standards on October 28, 2010; and the Governor of Oregon is the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Oregon; and
- Whereas: This adoption effectively transfers control over public school curriculum from locally elected school boards to the unaccountable corporate interests that control the CCSS and who stand to profit substantially; and
- Whereas: The Oregon State Constitution also calls for public education to be controlled by the State of Oregon through our Governor in her/his role as Superintendent of Public Instruction; and
- Whereas: Implementation of CCSS will cost local school districts hundreds of millions of dollars to pay for standardized computer-based tests, new technology, new curricula and teacher training at a time when Oregon is already insufficiently funding K-12 basic education without proven benefit to students; and
- Whereas: Some states have already withdrawn from CCSS. Therefore be it
- Resolved: Oregon State Grange will lobby the Governor of Oregon to withdraw from the CCSS and keep K-12 education student-centered and accountable to the people of the State of Oregon.

ED #3: High Stakes Testing

- Whereas: Our nation's future well-being relies on a high-quality public education system that prepares all students for college, careers, citizenship and lifelong learning, and strengthens the nation's social and economic well-being; and
- Whereas: Our nation's school systems have been spending growing amounts of time, money and energy on high-stakes standardized testing, in which student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, educators and schools; and
- Whereas: The overreliance on high-stakes standardized testing in state and federal accountability systems is undermining educational quality and equity in U.S. public schools by hampering educators' efforts to focus on the broad range of learning experiences that promote the innovation, creativity, problem solving, collaboration, communication, critical thinking and deep subject-matter knowledge that will allow students to thrive in democracy and an increasingly global society and economy; and
- Whereas: It is widely recognized that standardized testing is an inadequate and often unreliable measure of both student learning and educator effectiveness; and
- Whereas: The over-emphasis on standardized testing has caused considerable collateral damage in too many schools, including narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test, reducing love of learning, pushing students out of school, driving excellent teachers out of the profession and undermining school climate; and

- Whereas: High-stakes standardized testing has negative effects for students from all backgrounds, and especially for low-income students, English language learners, children of color, and those with disabilities; and
- Whereas: The culture and structure of the systems in which students learn must change in order to foster engaging school experiences that promote joy in learning, depth of thought and breadth of knowledge for students. Therefore be it
- Resolved: The Oregon State Grange calls on the governor, state legislature and state education boards and administrators to reexamine public school accountability systems in this state and to develop a system based on multiple forms of assessment that do not require extensive standardized testing, more accurately reflect the broad range of student learning, and are used to support students and improve schools. And be it further
- Resolved: The Oregon State Grange petition the National Grange to lobby the U.S. Congress and administration to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (currently known as the "Every Child Succeeds Act"), reduce the testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality in accountability, and not mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating educators.

ED #4: Support for the Oregon FFA Association and Agricultural Education

- Whereas: The Oregon State Grange has long supported the FFA program in Oregon and agricultural education in our public schools; and
- Whereas: Subordinate/Community Granges in Oregon have long supported FFA programs; and
- Whereas: The voters of Oregon in 2016 voted to support vocational education; and
- Whereas: HB 2382 and SB 230 currently in the Oregon Legislature reestablish state funding for the Oregon FFA Association and agricultural education in Oregon schools, which had been completely removed from the state budget since 2011; and
- Whereas: The FFA programs in Oregon high schools provide opportunities for leadership development and personal growth for students not otherwise served by traditional education; and
- Whereas: Agriculture is still one of Oregon's primary industries and many branches of this industry are unable to fill needed positions with qualified employees. Therefore be it
- Resolved: The Legislature continue funding the FFA Association and vocational agriculture programs. And be it further
- Resolved: The Oregon State Grange lobby the Oregon Legislature to include state funding for the Oregon FFA Association and agricultural education in Oregon schools.

ED #5: Schools

- The Oregon State Grange supports **higher nutritional foods and drinks** in Oregon Public Schools.
- We support the adoption of a **closed campus** structure by all school districts.

- The Oregon State Grange supports strong and appropriate discipline of students, after thorough investigation, for incidents involving **threats of violence** and weapons in or on the school grounds or buildings.
- We seek adequate funding of our **Land Grant Colleges**. Also we ask the Governor of Oregon, and the leadership at Oregon State University, Oregon’s only Land Grant College, to continue positive emphasis on a curriculum for an agricultural major.
- The Oregon State Grange seeks to require schools to notify parents or guardian of the **absence** of their child from school by noon.

ED #6: Subjects Taught in Schools

- The Oregon State Grange is in favor of re-instituting a course of study that includes arts and music, as well as fundamentals and vocational subjects.
- The Oregon State Grange believes that students have the right to voluntary **reference to God**, and voluntary non-sectarian prayer should be permitted in schools.
- We favor any legislation that provides state support for **vocational education**, and we encourage federal funding for these programs.
- The Oregon State Grange strongly supports **vocational agricultural programs**, and we oppose any reduction of agricultural science and technology programs in Oregon high schools.
- The Oregon State Grange supports teaching the accomplishments and **contributions of the Grange** when presenting the history of our state and country.
- We urge all high schools to provide **Driver Education** at an appropriate funding level as part of their educational program and will work to get legislative funding for schools that provide Driver Ed courses.

ED #7: US Flag, Anthem, and Pledge of Allegiance

- The Oregon State Grange favors having the **Pledge of Allegiance** maintained as a part of each school day’s proceedings, and infuse the meaning of this pledge when appropriate.

ED #8: Saving the Criterion School Campaign

Whereas: A founding principal of the Grange was educational opportunities for farmers and farm families; and

Whereas: The Grange Declaration of Purposes states in part that “We shall advance the cause of education by all just means within our power”; and

Whereas: Our state’s future well-being relies on a high -quality public education system that prepares all students for college, careers, citizenship and lifelong learning and strengthens the nation’s social and economic well-being; and

Whereas: The Criterion Schoolhouse was selected to be moved 200 miles from Maupin, Oregon to the Oregon State Fairgrounds during our nation’s bicentennial celebration in 1976, to pay tribute to Oregon public schools; and

Whereas: The Criterion Schoolhouse has been visited by thousands of fairgoers each year; and

- Whereas: The roof of the Criterion Schoolhouse began to leak last summer causing damage to the ceiling and the floor; and
- Whereas: The Criterion Schoolhouse is in need of lead paint removal/repainting both inside and out, the ADA ramp replaced, as well as the school bell refurbished; and
- Whereas: The Oregon Retired Educators Association (OREA) has provided volunteers over the years to host visitors to the Criterion Schoolhouse; and
- Whereas: The OREA has created the Save the Criterion Schoolhouse Campaign to raise money to not only repair this building but also to create a foundation to sustain and enhance this symbol of lifelong learning for the future. Therefore be it
- Resolved: The Oregon State Grange endorses the efforts of the Oregon Retired Educators Association (OREA) to repair the Criterion Schoolhouse and sustain this building as a symbol of and tribute to Oregon public education.

Environment and Ecology (EE)

EE #2: Support for Increased Aluminum Recycling

- Whereas: The smelting of bauxite into new aluminum requires large amounts of electrical energy; and
- Whereas: Melting of scrap aluminum for the purpose of making it into new products can be done using 95% less energy; and
- Whereas: Currently only 31% of American aluminum is recycled as compared to 98.2% in Brazil; and
- Whereas: Melting of scrap aluminum doesn't have to be done with electricity, but can be done with a number of other heat sources; and
- Whereas: The ability to select from a number of heat sources allows recyclers to use the energy most readily available at their location. Therefore be it
- Resolved: The Oregon State Grange encourages any legislation that would increase aluminum recycling. And be it further
- Resolved: If adopted by the Oregon State Grange, this resolution will be forwarded to the National Grange.

EE #3: Chemicals, Toxins, and Waste Disposal

- The Oregon State Grange supports strict enforcement of laws regarding **release of hazardous/toxic chemical** substance and containers. Also, we believe it is the industries' responsibility to ensure that adequate processing is in place to dispose of and neutralize pollutants.
- The Oregon State Grange resolves to work toward educating the public on the dangers of producing chlorine **bleached paper products**. We will work with the Oregon Legislature to encourage companies that produce paper products to stop chlorine bleaching.

EE #4: DEQ Regulations

- We believe that fire departments should have authority to issue **burning permits** within their respective districts. If there is no fire department, we believe there should be some appointed authority that knows the areas' needs to issue these permits.

EE #5: Endangered Species Act

- The Oregon State Grange favors reauthorization of an amended Endangered Species Act (ESA) that creates a priority for the economic health of communities and the **preservation of all native species**. We believe that the decision on declaring any species endangered should be made on science that has been peer-reviewed by the National Science Foundation.

EE #6: Preservation and Management of Our Environment

- We oppose experiments with **altered bacteria** in an open environment. We recommend that no experiments of this kind be allowed unless they can be scientifically proven safe.
- We support legislation that requires the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop an **economic, environmental and societal impact statement**; hold hearings and provide for written and oral comments when any fish or mammal species is introduced or reintroduced into any area of the State of Oregon.
- The Oregon State Grange supports efforts to help the US commercial fishermen who are adversely affected by **restrictive regulations**.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes any effort to limit the methods of controlling vermin, predator, birds and fur bearing animals including the **banning of traps**.

EE #7: Recycling

- The Oregon State Grange supports the **Oregon Bottle Bill**. We recognize the positive effect it has had on our ecology and communities. The Grange continues to work with the Oregon Legislature to pass an additional bill that would include all drink containers sold in Oregon,
- The Oregon State Grange supports the formulation of legislation that bans all **non-biodegradable** materials used by restaurants as packaging for take-out foods.
- The Oregon State Grange will work with the Legislature to make **recycling mandatory** for all public and private agencies, institutions and industries.
- The Oregon State Grange encourages curbside recycling agencies, and private agencies, institutions, and industries to **accept plastics** along with other recyclables.

Federal Affairs (FA)

FA #3: Congress, Judges, and the President of the United States

- The Oregon State Grange is in favor of a **limited term of office** for US Senators and Representatives, to a maximum of 12 years for each of these offices.
- The Oregon State Grange urges Oregon members of Congress to sponsor or co-sponsor legislation that would give our President **line-item veto authority**.

- The Oregon State Grange supports retaining the provision in the Constitution to limit candidates for President to only “**natural born citizens.**”
- The Oregon State Grange opposes all attempts by any and all legislative bodies to abridge the right of free US citizens to **keep and bear arms.**
- The Oregon State Grange supports judges who are on the record as defending the **right to keep and bear arms.**
- The Oregon State Grange supports the **Writ of Habeas Corpus.**

FA #4: Federal Monetary Affairs

- The State Grange believes all **tax loopholes** that allow large companies to receive subsidies, federal credits and guarantees should be halted.

FA #5: Federal Services – Social Security

- The State Grange opposes the taxation of an individual’s **Social Security** income. We believe that monies funded for Social Security should not be used for any purpose other than retirement payments. We ask that every commitment to Americans, who qualify for Social Security and Medicare, be kept in good faith, and that Social Security benefits be restored to all American born in “**notch years**” (after 1916).
- The Oregon State Grange supports the **Notch Fairness Act.**
- We urge the Congress of the US to protect our **Social Security and Medicare** programs. Further there should not be reductions in the cost of living increases for Social Security in order to help reduce the deficit. Also, any person who works after becoming eligible for Social Security payments should still receive his full payments regardless of the amount that he earns and should not be penalized by having Social Security payments cut.
- We will work toward a change in calculating the **percentage of pay increases** for Social Security recipients so that they benefit all citizens on an equal dollar basis.
- The State Grange of Oregon supports legislation to make the Social Security Administration an **independent agency** and thus remove their trust funds from all deficit calculations. This will ensure the trust funds would only be used to pay Social Security benefits.

FA #6: Foreign and Domestic Services

- The Oregon State Grange supports establishing a **Civilian Work Organization** to provide training and job opportunities for those individuals who are eligible for public assistance. Such job opportunities could be developed within public programs such as forestry, parks, and recreation.
- Many foreign countries do not recognize or obey **International Laws**, putting American citizens’ safety and lives in jeopardy. The Oregon State Grange favors cutting off all US aid and supplies to countries that take American citizens as hostages or kill them. We also favor the repeal of any aid to countries that refuse to recognize International Law, or allow a take-over of U.S embassies or any property belonging to the U.S. Government.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the stand of the American Legion and the VFW on the return of **POWs and MIAs** so they can once again be united with their families and loved ones.

- The Oregon State Grange opposes any and all attempts to impose taxation of the citizens of the United States by the **United Nations** or any other international body.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes any effort to subject the citizens of the United States to a **one-world government** (such as the United Nations) that does not maintain and guarantee to the people of the United States the same rights, freedoms and protections guaranteed by our current Constitution. Any such change would be considered an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which must be submitted to the states and the people of the United States of America for approval.

FA #7: National Elections and Electoral College

- The Oregon State Grange and the National Grange shall work for passage of a law to prevent announcing (releasing) any returns until all **polls** in the United States **have closed**.
- The State Grange supports the continued change over to the **Metric System**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports a measure to prohibit the giving or selling of **personal information** by the Internal Revenue Service or tax preparers.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation permitting law enforcement agencies to report **individuals without proper documentation** to the proper federal authorities.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the **U.S. Constitution** and will oppose any Congressional effort to violate the Constitution.

FA #8: Postal Service

- The Oregon State Grange supported the continuation of the flow of **mail to rural areas**, preserving Monday through Saturday delivery.

Financial Affairs (FiA)

FiA #1: Opposition to SB 181 and Changes to Tax Exempt Status

- Whereas: The 2017 Oregon Legislative Assembly created SB 181; and
- Whereas: SB 181 would cause every non-profit organization in Oregon to make an annual report to the respective county assessor; and
- Whereas: If one small mistake were made, SB 181 could cost the non-profit organization thousands of dollars; and
- Whereas: Non-profit organizations have provided a service to many communities throughout Oregon; and
- Whereas: Non-profit organizations perform charitable acts helping many people; and
- Whereas: Non-profit organizations are helping community organizations; and
- Whereas: Non-profit organizations help volunteer first responders. Therefore be it
- Resolved: The Oregon State Grange urges the 2017 Legislature to reject SB 181. And be it further
- Resolved: The Oregon State Grange opposes changes to or removal of tax exempt status of fraternal, charitable, and religious non-profit organizations.

FiA #3: Banking Institutions & Government Structures and Expenses

- We believe that no one should be allowed to request a **credit report** on any individual without the written permission of the individual involved.
- We oppose the elimination of **lottery funds** to county fairs and will seek to have these funds included in the budget approved by the Legislature.
- The Oregon State Grange seeks to provide an adequate and permanent source of funding for **county fairs** in Oregon.
- We support **no cuts** to county fair appropriations.

FiA #4: Taxes – Establishment, Collection, & Distribution

- The Oregon State Grange supports **local control** of land assessments. These controls to be handled by locally nominated and elected tax assessors.
- The Oregon State Grange supports reasonable **income and property taxes** that do not penalize the farmer, the homeowner, or those on fixed incomes.
- The State Grange believes that domestic property owners should be given the same privileges as foreign investors. They also should be given the right to use their local property taxes as a credit against federal and state **income taxes**.
- We support a tax credit of up to \$10,000 for a **first time home buyer**.
- We support **Tax Policy** that:
 1. Maintains agricultural and forestry property tax exemptions.
 2. Opposes any sales or transaction tax.
- The Oregon State Grange goes on record in strong opposition to the taxation of properties belonging to religious, fraternal, charitable or educational organizations, while these properties are being used for **non-profit** purposes. This would be in exception to their 'for profit' enterprises.
- We support a tax incentive program on **historical buildings** placed on the National Historic Register.
- The Oregon State Grange believes that state-wide tax issues should be voted on in a **general election** rather than a special election.
- The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes a **sales tax**.
- The Oregon State Grange believes efforts should be made to **reduce government spending** rather than creating new taxes.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation ensuring that all single land parcels over ten acres currently on the **tax rolls** cannot be removed without specific approval of the county in which the land is located and the State Legislature.
- The Oregon State Grange encourages the United States Congress to repeal the **federal death tax**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the Oregon "Kicker" Law.

Good of the Order (GO)

GO #1: Oregon State Grange Lobbyist

Whereas: The Oregon State Grange has worked for years to make sure our organization is represented at the Oregon Legislature; and

Whereas: This past year the Oregon State Grange had no representation at the Oregon Legislature for our policies and issues. Therefore be it

Resolved: Oregon State Grange hire a lobbyist to make sure our voice is heard at the Oregon Legislature every legislative session.

GO #6: Translating Brochures

Whereas: Our communities are being inhabited with more and more ethnic peoples, mostly Latinos, yet we received information from the National Grange and Oregon State Grange that is all written in the English language. The National Grange and Oregon State Grange encourage an increase in membership, but we need to encourage these peoples to become members in our Subordinate/Community Granges. Therefore be it

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange shall at the request of any Oregon Subordinate/Community or Pomona Grange produce foreign language recruitment/membership application brochures electronically as budget and skills allow.

Grange Programs and Activities (GPA)

GPA #1: Adopt the Youth Fair Program

Whereas: The Grange Youth Fair Program is a National Grange Program; and

Whereas: The California State Grange has been using the Youth Fair Program for years as a successful part of the Youth and Junior programs; and

Whereas: The Grange Youth Fair Program would benefit both the Grange and children in counties where the 4-H program is struggling or non-existent. Therefore be it

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange adopt the Grange Youth Fair Program. And be it further

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange appoint a committee to work with the Youth and Junior Grange programs and with State and County Fair authorities to implement this program. This committee will also oversee the rules and ethics requirements for participants in this program.

GPA #3: Change in Roster Requirements

Whereas: The State Master in her Good of the Order Address brought to our attention problems with the current Roster. Therefore be it

Resolved: The County Deputies be notified and requested to get the information for all Granges that have not sent their information in by December 1.

Health and Welfare (HW)

HW #2: Senior Health Care in Oregon

- Whereas: Wallowa County has a large population of senior citizens aged 65 years or older; and
- Whereas: In 2016, the Governor of Oregon designated Wallowa County a healthcare shortage area because of the high number of residents aged 65 years or older; and
- Whereas: Wallowa County physicians and other healthcare providers are not specialized in gerontology, the specific medical specialty of caring for aging populations; and
- Whereas: Senior citizens frequently return to Wallowa County for rehabilitation after treatment at medical centers and other specialized health facilities, regardless of whether more intensive rehabilitative services that are necessary to their successful rehabilitation, such as speech pathology, are available; and
- Whereas: The leading causes of death in Wallowa County include heart disease, cancer, and chronic lower respiratory disease (such as influenza and pneumonia in the elderly); and
- Whereas: Many Wallowa County senior citizens are at-risk with low fixed incomes and some senior citizens are not insured by outpatient Medicare Part B; and
- Whereas: Inexpensive, senior-focused transportation services such as Community Connections buses are available, but many Wallowa County senior citizens are not aware of the availability of these services or do not take advantage of these services; and
- Whereas: Many Wallowa County senior citizens face financial, nutritional and mobility barriers resulting in impaired health status, social isolation and significantly reduced quality of life. Therefore be it
- Resolved: The Oregon State Grange will advocate for legislation supporting the at-risk and disadvantaged senior citizen population of Oregon rural counties.

HW #3: Controlling and Dispensing Food

- **Senior meal sites** are of primary importance to the elderly, not only for aid in giving them a balanced nutritional diet but also for the social contact. We therefore believe that revenue-sharing funds for this purpose should not be curtailed.

HW #4: Health Care and Health Care Providers

- We support the practice of allowing hospitals and emergency rooms to issue a prescription for short-term **handicapped parking permits**.
- We favor placing mentally deficient and emotionally disturbed children and adults in community-based residential or non-residential group or foster homes. This would be preferable to placement in state institutions and nursing homes. In **group or foster homes** these people have the chance to learn academic and vocational skills that they would not get otherwise.

- The Oregon State Grange supports any programs, as well as legislative efforts, that address the **rural health crisis**. We also support the Oregon Area Health Education Center, Office of Rural Health, and Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. We recognize and applaud all state and local efforts to recruit and retain rural health care providers.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes any legislation that would lower, to the age of 16, the end of a **parent’s legal responsibilities** for raising their children.
- The Oregon State Grange supports permanent funding for **rural first responders**, EMT continuing education programs and the Mobile Training Unit of the Oregon Public Health Division.

HW #5: The Use of Alcoholic Beverages

- The Oregon State Grange stands in opposition to lowering the **legal drinking age** on alcoholic beverages. We are also opposed to any changes made in how alcoholic drinks are currently being dispensed, and we believe the OLCC and the OLCC liquor stores should be maintained. We ask that private business not be allowed to take control of this industry.
- We support legislation for tougher penalties against driving while under the influence of intoxicants (DUI). Also that injury and death resulting from this crime should carry the charge of assault with a deadly weapon; the offender will be held solely responsible for their crime, not sharing the liability with any third party.
- Finally to protect citizens and ease the burden of higher taxes raised to enforce the control of drunk driving and driving under the influence of legal and or illegal drugs, we support confiscation of vehicles and other materials used in drug and drunk driving incidents.

Insurance (IN)

IN #1: Insurance Coverage and Settlements

- The Oregon State Grange (OSG) encourages the Oregon State Legislature and US Congress to remove the obstacles **acupuncture** has encountered with insurance coverage.
- The OSG encourages the Oregon State legislature and Oregon State Insurance Commission to include Parents-In-Need, who are members of a household in the “**List of Dependents**.”
- The OSG will work with members of the Oregon State Legislature to get the high cost of **liability insurance** and excessive settlements under control. This could be achieved by some or all of the following:
 - Reasonable limits on jury awards for non-economic damage
 - Liability should be assessed only in proportion to actual fault attributed to each negligent party, and a separate judgment rendered for that proportion.
- The OSG favors a change in **liability law** stating a person entering upon private property, property not used as a place of business, of their own free will, or engaged in any illegal activity assumes all accident liability.
- The OSG supports requiring insurance companies **pay claims** within 45 days of receiving properly completed forms and bills.

- The OSG requests the American Medical Association, hospital insurance, private insurance, workers' compensation insurance and state and federally funded insurance to discontinue the use or the term '**recreational drugs.**'

Legislative (LE)

LE #1: Prohibition of Gerrymandered Political Districts

- Whereas: It has been a common practice for political parties, when they are in power, to manipulate the boundaries of political districts to their advantage, often through the creation of very complex and illogical shapes on the map; and
- Whereas: This gerrymandering practice often creates an electoral result that differs significantly from the population distribution of political parties in the state or nation as a whole; and
- Whereas: Manipulation of our electoral system by any party is a disservice to our citizens, who are better served by fair electoral competition based on issues and ideas. Therefore be it
- Resolved: The Oregon State Grange supports legislation at all levels that require political district boundaries be drawn by a non-partisan commission with the goal of having simple boundaries representative of the population upon which they are drawn.

LE #2: Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H

- The members of the Oregon State Grange support the continued funding of an efficient effective **Cooperative Extension Service** at local and state levels.
- We also support '**on farm**' testing by the Cooperative Extension Service as a method of evaluating and adapting research information to local areas.
- The **4-H program**, funded through the Extension Service, should be maintained even if the Extension Service is eliminated or its funds are severely cut. The 4-H program could be funded in a different manner if necessary.

LE #3: School Expenses and Funding Problems

- The State Grange strongly supports the use of a **graduated income tax** to finance schools. We also support a limitation on the amount of taxes that can be levied on real property. We will continue to look at alternative methods of school funding.
- We urge the State Legislature to provide funds for the continuation of the **Head Start Program**.

LE #4: Crime, Victims of Crime, Criminal Sentences, and Parole

- We resolve to work to have Oregon law changed to provide that when a criminal who has been convicted of a crime of violence is released from prison, paroled, furloughed, placed on work release, or moved from one prison to another the **victim** or close family member **shall be notified** well in advance of the date and time of such release.
- We ask that dangerously violent criminals be confined in prison to **serve** out their entire sentence **without parole** and those serving sentences for lesser crimes be required to make restitution for those crimes.

- We believe that **Parole Boards** should be restricted in their power as follows:
 1. Persons convicted of premeditated murder shall not be eligible for parole.
 2. Persons convicted of murder during the commission of another crime, or attempting to avoid apprehension, shall not be eligible for parole.
 3. Persons convicted of killing police officers or prison guards shall not be eligible for parole.
 4. No person shall be eligible for parole until he has served at least two-thirds of the sentence imposed by the court.
- The Oregon State Grange supports **child predators'** laws.
- We further believe that all convicted **sex offenders** shall be required to complete a sex offender treatment program before release on parole, or as a condition of any probation. Failure to complete a treatment program as ordered by the court will result in the immediate revocation of probation and/or parole and sentencing to the maximum term of imprisonment allowed under the law.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to not allow mental illness or incapacity because of the use of drugs or alcohol as a **defense for felony sexual crimes**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports listing public and private elementary schools, secondary schools, and licensed day care centers as places 'children are likely to be present' in determining where convicted **pedophiles** live.
- The Oregon State Grange supports laws prohibiting the act of willful, malicious, and repeated acts of following or **harassing** another person. The offender must present a credible threat of intent to place the person(s) in reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm.
- We continue to support Oregon **Stalking** laws.
- We support stricter punishment for **kidnapping**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports holding **minor children** accountable for their criminal acts.
- The Oregon State Grange favors legislation that would make it a felony, punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and a jail sentence of 15 months or more for the theft of the **equipment used by handicapped persons**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to ensure that **convicted felons** are **not allowed voting privileges** while they are still incarcerated.

LE #5: Firearms

- The Oregon State Grange opposes actions that would interfere with the second amendment and our **freedom to keep guns** as personal private property. We oppose any legislation that restricts ownership of firearms, except restrictions imposed upon convicted felons.
- We support legislation that requires Courts to impose **maximum penalties**, without possibility of parole, on all persons convicted of using a firearm of any description, real or fake, in the commission of a felony.

LE #6: Police Officers, Corrections Officials, & Criminal Facilities

- The Oregon State Grange opposes budget cuts that would result in the reduction of the number of beds available to hold **serious juvenile offenders**.
- The Oregon State Grange lobbies for sufficient funding for the **Oregon Department of Corrections**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that protects **high value farm land** from being converted to prison sites.
- The Oregon State Grange favors a return to **dedicated funding for the Oregon State Police**.

LE #9: Miscellaneous Resolutions

- The Oregon State Grange supports allocating monies from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the **County Fair Account** equal to 1.2 percent of net proceeds from the Oregon State Lottery for the purpose of carrying out the operations of county fairs, including the payment of administrative costs.
- The Oregon State Grange favors repeal of the \$80,000 income and the one-year-limit laws for placing a dwelling in an EFU zone if the property in question formerly contained a **habitable dwelling**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the elimination of the \$80,000 income requirement (and other arbitrary and unrealistic requirements) to qualify for a **farm dwelling** on land zoned EFU.
- We ask the State of Oregon to **reimburse juror mileage** at the federal standard.
- We resolve to join forces with other agencies in getting legislation enacted that would protect renters in **mobile home parks** and to support a state panel set up to mediate violations of these rental controls.
- The Oregon State Grange supports revisions to the **PERS system** that will maintain the system's viability into the future.
- The Oregon State Grange supports changes in statute or rule to allow an individual to accept a **stipend** from a non-profit organization in lieu of standard wages.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to regulate **payday loan interest rates**.

LE #10: Political Candidates, Ballot Measures, & Elections

- The Oregon State Grange supports holding the Oregon State **Presidential Primary** Election on the second Tuesday of March.
- The Oregon State Grange believes that all **ballot measures** should state their true meaning in clear, concise language. Also these measures should be written in a manner that a yes vote is to implement a measure and a no vote is to reject it.
- In the event the Legislature places a measure on a ballot that is similar to one placed on the ballot by **initiative petition**, the people's initiative will have priority and become law if a majority vote yes.

- We ask that all **legal signatures** collected for a petition be allowed if that petition is changed by the Secretary of State, or the courts, after the petition is approved for circulation.
- The Oregon State Grange will continue to work to retain and protect the **initiative petition process**.
- We will lobby for an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oregon that specifies for an initiative petition to pass it must be approved by a **majority vote in each of 2/3 of the counties** of Oregon.
- The State Grange asks that a law allowing payment for the **circulation of petitions** be repealed. We feel paid petitioners are a violation of the circulation of free petitions. The right of the initiative process should be retained without placing undue prohibitive restrictions and undue financial hardship on any individual or organization who might want to place a measure on the ballot.
- The State Grange opposes discontinuance of the **Voter's Pamphlet**; we urge Oregon to continue its present distribution. We also believe that the Secretary of State should see that the views and opinions of the statements printed are valid and that any inaccuracies published should be subject to the laws of perjury and libel.
- The Oregon State Grange supports requiring the Voters' pamphlet be **mailed at least 30 days prior** to an election.
- The Oregon State Grange supports requiring citizens to **register twenty days** prior to an election to be eligible to vote.
- The Oregon State Grange supports making the State of Oregon an **open primary state**.
- The Oregon State Grange believes that the wishes of the people should not be ignored. If changes need to be made in a current law, it should be made by elected officials and then **referred back to the people for a vote**. The intent of any law passed by the people should also be carried out until a change is made by vote.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require the redistricting of the Oregon State House and Senate districts by **non-partisan commission** of nine citizens of Oregon.

LE #11: Regional & County Government, Appointed & Elected Officials

- We oppose any acts that virtually **halt all economic use of property** by setting it aside for wildlife habitat, scenic views, wetlands and other public uses without compensation to the owner. Further, if state land planning arbitrarily changes the use and value of any land, appropriate compensation for the loss of value should be given.
- We believe that the residents of Oregon's **unincorporated communities** should be allowed to exercise local control of land use decisions that determine the livability of their communities, and that the authority of regional governments to control land uses should be rescinded.
- The Oregon State Grange supports changing the law to have the **Land Conservation and Development Commission Board** be appointed from districts that are the same as the districts for the Oregon Department of

Transportation (five districts, two lying east of the Cascade Mountains) with the other two board members appointed at large.

- We further support having the elected officials in each district **nominate** three citizens from that district to the Board, one of which the Governor shall appoint.
- We ask the Oregon State Legislature and the Governor to **limit the duties and actions** of LCDC and reduce their budget accordingly.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the repeal and/or overhaul of **Oregon's Land Use Planning** process.
- We are against the abrogation of **private property rights** and will use any means necessary to return and defend private property rights.
- The Oregon State Grange supports **protecting the private property rights** from eminent domain.
- The Oregon State Grange stands opposed to any revision to our Constitution that further encroaches upon the rights and privileges of individual citizens or further centralizes the power of government. The State Grange is opposed to the establishment of **regional government**, and we request that our freedom and right to own property, which might be jeopardized by a regional government, be retained. We are therefore opposed to the continuation of the Metropolitan Service District.
- The Oregon State Grange will work to see that the **Metro** Regional Government does not usurp the authority of the county or city government within the district in order to protect the population and natural environment of the region.
- The Oregon State Grange favors legislation that would limit the duties of the **Labor Commissioner** to labor relations. When criminal charges arise from labor actions, the case should be turned over to the judicial system.
- The Oregon State Grange favors repeal of Section 735.21 of the National Register of the Code of Conduct, which states that an employee of the US Department of Agriculture shall not actively participate in farm organizations. Many farm organizations, such as the Oregon State Grange, have long been strong forces in agriculture, as well as providing leadership in community affairs. Denying the right of employees to belong to organizations such as ours is banning them from taking an active part in their communities.
- We believe that a claim filed in **small claims court** should be tried in that court unless the party filing the claim agrees to a transfer to a District Court.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require that all government agencies, particularly the heads of departments, be required to show **accountability** for decisions made during their tenure.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation requiring the state, metro, counties, cities and other governing agencies to provide each individual land owner affected by a proposed change in land use **written notification** that their property is within the boundaries of a proposed land use change that may affect that property's future value.

LE #12: Unpopular Laws and Proposals

- We believe that when boundary lines of property are surveyed, **adjoining property** owner(s) must be notified by registered mail within two weeks following the survey if there are changes.

- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to permit non-profit organizations with an annual budget under \$30,000.00 to be issued **building permits as homeowners** rather than corporations, to allow members/ volunteers to make repairs, subject to passing the required state and local inspections.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation that would do away with the **nuisance laws** pertaining to farmers and ranchers. County land planning and zoning should have equal representation of farmer and ranchers, along with representatives from other walks of life.
- We reaffirm our policy on the **separation of state and religion** in the public school system.
- We are in favor of package or **modular homes**. However, we believe that any such homes erected in the United States should also be manufactured in the USA.
- The Oregon State Grange urgently requests State Legislators to initiate adequate legislation to fully protect the **equities of buyers** of property under contract. We also ask that legislation be enacted that will prevent acts of buyers from reflecting upon the equities of the seller of contract property.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes any move to **ban religious programs** from airing on radio or television.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes any further attrition of the **Oregon Public Records Law**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports prohibiting **public access** on private property without the owner's consent and actively opposes any legislation to the contrary.
- The Oregon State Grange supports issuance of a **driver license** with valid proof of a Social Security number.

Transportation (TR)

TR #1: I-5 Donald/Aurora Exit

Whereas: Exit 278 off of I-5, also referred to as the Donald/Aurora exit, has several truck stops located on both the east and west side of the interstate; and

Whereas: Often both north bound and south bound exiting traffic backs up on to I-5, causing a traffic hazard for those traveling in the right lane of I-5; and

Whereas: It is difficult to make left turns at the bottom of the off ramps on to Ehlen Road or from Ehlen Road onto the on ramps, causing these backups. Therefore be it

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange urges ODOT, Mid-Willamette Valley Area Transportation Commission and Marion County to fund and implement project #19062 – The Donald/Aurora Interchange on I-5 exit 278.

TR #2: General Transportation Concerns on Roads & Rivers

- The Oregon State Grange supports stricter enforcement of current laws regarding excessive **tire width** for cars and light trucks.
- The Oregon State Grange rigorously opposes the conversion of any existing roads to **toll roads**.
- The Oregon State Grange seeks to require all **traffic signal lights** throughout the state to have a uniform setting for the yellow caution light of at least five to six seconds.

TR #3: Mass Transit

- The Oregon State Grange supports **Amtrak** service through the Columbia Gorge and on to Salt Lake City. We also oppose any cutbacks of Amtrak services to the Northwest.

TR #4: Motor Fuels & Taxes

- We oppose the legalization of **self-serve gas stations**, with the exception of commercial card lock stations and self-serve stations in very low population areas. Self-service gas stations have shown no evidence that they offer lower fuel prices, and hundreds of jobs would be lost directly impacting on Oregon's economy.
- The Oregon State Grange feels all **fuel tax** and vehicle monies, as well as interest from these monies, should be restricted solely to county roads, highways and state park use.
- We also favor the return of **federal gas tax monies** to the states for highway construction and repair before the gas tax is raised.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes any legislation to impose **emission standards** of California in Oregon.

TR #5: Road Hazards & Road Work

- We ask that all **school zones** be clearly marked.
- We urge the placement of permanent **fog markers** on all state and county roads in Oregon at the time any paving work is done.
- We contend that **US Highway 97** should be upgraded to a divided four-lane highway with trees and shrubs removed a sufficient distance to allow sunlight to melt the ice and give clear view of roadside animals.
- We are not in favor of creating a **Scenic Corridor Byway** on Highway 101 from Astoria to Gold Beach.
- The State Grange supports the '**Adopt-A-Highway**' bill and urges incorporating it into community projects.

TR #6: Vehicle Regulations & Fees

- The Oregon State Grange opposes any **road tax user fee** based on mileage.
- The Oregon State Grange favors legislation to force all auto and truck manufacturers and re-manufacturers to keep **vehicle headlights** within the original manufacturer's specifications and that all add-ons and repair jobs follow the rule by law.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to require **headlights** to be on anytime a vehicle is in operation.
- We favor stricter enforcement of bicyclists staying in the **bike lane** where it is available to them.
- The Oregon State Grange urges the DMV to include more questions on **bicycle** operation and safety on the exam for a motor vehicle driver's license.
- The Oregon State Grange supports **registration and license fees** on all bicycles ridden by adults and the funds generated to be used to build bike lanes on county and state roads.

Utilities (UT)

UT #1: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) & Public Utility Districts (PUD)

- The Oregon State Grange strongly opposes any **proposed sale of the Bonneville Power Administration**. The Oregon State Grange has historically disagreed with the principle of private ownership of utilities, and we not only oppose a sale of the BPA, but also any other sale of federally owned and administered power installations in the United States. We will continue our support of the BPA, and we further recognize and support its goal to maintain low-cost power for the future.
- The State Grange endorses the taxation of the beneficial use, by non-federal legal entities, of the federal owned **electric transmission lines** established throughout Oregon. These lines are and have been constructed by and/or for the BPA.
- The Oregon State Grange strongly supports all existing **Public Utility Districts**, and favors the establishment of new PUDs. We also oppose the passage of any legislation that would require newly formed PUDs to purchase high-priced co-generated power when other power is available at lower cost. We further seek to protect the public preference clause that provides many northwest consumers with low-cost energy.
- The Oregon State Grange support efforts to establish **PUD districts** in the low-population counties, so as to maintain local control over rates and services.
- The Oregon State Grange promotes **water power development** and the establishment of People's Water Utility Districts in the State of Oregon; and we also promote the formation of the People's Utility District to manage and operate the Bull Run water supply system to supply water to Portland and the surrounding communities.

UT #2: Energy Sources and Energy Conservation

- We urge the United States government to develop an **energy policy** that will replace, whenever feasible, petroleum products with renewable or biomass fuels.
- The Oregon State Grange supports the **waste to energy** concept (as seen in the Covanta-Marion, Inc. plant in Brooks, Oregon) as a recommended method of disposing of garbage. This method not only safely disposes of waste through incineration, but produces saleable power during the same operation. We will lobby for solid waste-to-energy facilities such as this.
- We resolve to work with all PUDs, co-ops, and municipalities to establish and build more **waste to energy** plants.
- We must renew our search for **new types of electrical power sources** as we increase our energy production levels. At the same time, we must strive to eliminate pollution to the atmosphere and water. The development of wind, solar, geothermal, and other renewable power sources should be encouraged. All alternative sources of energy should be developed and put into production.
- The State Grange believes that we must continue to work toward **energy conservation**, not only in the use of electrical power, but also in our use of water. This would ensure the costs of both are kept to a minimum.

- The Oregon State Grange opposes **deregulation** of any processor or industry that will affect the rural community unless proof of some economic gain can be realized by the consumer.
- The Oregon State Grange recommends that every effort be made to restore affected farmland to its former condition and fertility by any **pipeline construction** company.

UT #3: Telephones and Television

- The Oregon State Grange asks the Public Utility Commission to require all telephone companies within the state to make available '**Caller ID**' access to all subscribers.
- We ask that consumers be able to request that they not receive recorded political telephone calls in a manner similar to the limiting of **solicitation calls**.
- The Oregon State Grange opposes the use of **telephone marketing**.
- The Oregon State Grange supports legislation to mandate **programming of ICE (In Case of Emergency) in all cell phones** by manufacturers.

UT #4: Oregon State Grange Energy Policy

Resolved: The 2017 Convention Utilities Committee approves the following to be added to the Oregon State Grange Energy Policy:

- Develop an energy policy to promote the economic and efficient use of our natural resources to produce energy.
- Develop all energy sources that are feasible using proven technology.

Veterans (VT)

VT #1: Lottery Funds for Veterans

Whereas: The citizens of Oregon passed Proposition 96 in the 2016 General Election by 84% to provide additional funding through 1.5% of the Oregon Lottery revenue for the Oregon veterans; and

Whereas: Oregon Governor Kate Brown has proposed cutting the 2017-19 Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs budget by \$10 million dollars less than the current budget; this in contradiction of the intent of the citizens. Therefore be it

Resolved: The Oregon State Grange opposes any reduction in the funding of the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs from Oregon's General Fund and supports the addition of the 1.5% Oregon Lottery Funds to be used for the benefit of our veterans.

VT #2: Veterans

- The Oregon State Grange supports **funding for our veterans** for appropriate rehabilitation assistance.
- The Oregon State Grange believes that the U.S. Congress should adequately fund all **Veterans Hospitals** and Medical Centers.

Resolution of Thanks

Whereas: The success of the 144th Annual Convention of the Oregon State Grange has been assured due to the efforts, loyalty and determination of all the dedicated patrons of District 2; and

Whereas: Many organizations and individuals helped to make this state convention a success, therefore be it

Resolved: The Officers and Delegates of the Oregon State Grange assembled at the Florence Event Center in Florence, Oregon June 24-29, 2017 express our thanks

To Florence Mayor Joe Henry for the warm and informative welcome on Sunday morning.

To National Master Betsy Huber for joining us this convention.

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To all of our State Officers, Youth Officers, Junior Officers, delegates and visitors for all of your hard work and dedication to make this a successful and enjoyable State Grange Convention, and especially the conscientious work of the delegates to review and update our Legislative Policy Handbook.

And to any who may have been inadvertently overlooked, we say THANK YOU. REMEMBER TO VISIT THE COAST AND 'SEA AND BE SEEN' ALL THE TIME—AND WEAR YOUR GRANGE EMBLEM WITH PRIDE!

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