

RESOLUTION

A resolution submitted by

WHEREAS, Witham Oaks, a 90-acre property described as map/tax lots 155280002300, 115330001000, 115330001100, and 115330001101 is available for purchase by auction January 29, 2010 on the Benton County Courthouse steps; and

WHEREAS, Witham Oaks is a beautiful, natural, wild area within the city of Corvallis with rare habitats of oak savannah, upland prairie, and wetland; and

WHEREAS, this Witham Oaks property adjoins the city's Witham Hill Natural Area which was purchased with funds from the 2000 Open Space bond measure; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Witham Oaks desire to save, protect, and restore this 90-acre parcel for enjoyment by the community; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Natural Areas and Recreation Board has unanimously endorsed the effort of Friends of Witham Oaks to acquire this property;

NOW, THEREFORE THE CORVALLIS CITY COUNCIL ARE RESOLVED to support Friends of Witham Oaks in their effort to purchase the Witham Oaks property.