

RESOLUTION NO. 15 FOR 2001

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING OF SWEET HOME INTO DISTRICT 44 AS IDENTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

WHEREAS, ORS 188.010 sets forth the criteria for legislative redistricting and requires that legislative districts as nearly as practicable should be contiguous; be of equal population; be connected by transportation links; not divide communities of interest and utilize existing geographic or political boundaries, And

WHEREAS, the proposed redistricting of Sweet Home with portions of Lane County separate from the communities of Lebanon and Albany does not respect the requirement of maintaining a "Community of Interest", And

WHEREAS, legislative separation of Sweet Home from Lebanon, Albany and Linn County proper will effectively eliminate the potential for success of ongoing efforts of collaborative economic development and economic recovery for rural distressed communities currently underway, And,


WHEREAS, retention of Sweet Home within the same district as Lebanon, Albany and Linn County would respect the utilization of existing geographic and political boundaries and other provisions of re-districting requirements as outlined in ORS 188.010.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Sweet Home resolves to formally oppose the proposed redistricting model in its current format, and hereby request it be modified to retain the Cities of Albany, Lebanon, Sweet Home with Linn County in one legislative district. This change to the proposed Redistricting model should be made immediately to respect the provisions of ORS 188.010.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor, this 24th day of July 2001.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Manager - Ex Officio City Recorder