IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF WHEELER

IN THE MATTER OF		
Declaration of Local Disaster and Request)	-
For State Drought Emergency)	RESOLUTION: 2018-0
for Wheeler County, Oregon)	

WHEREAS, the Wheeler County Court finds that agricultural and livestock industries, and related economy, are suffering widespread and severe economic damage, potential injuries and loss of property resulting from extreme weather conditions within Wheeler County; and

WHEREAS, a large share of Wheeler County's economy is dependent upon the agricultural and livestock sector which is adversely affected by low rainfall; and

WHEREAS, current predictions by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are that seasonal drought within our region will persist of intensify; and

WHEREAS, continued drought conditions are dramatically increasing wildland fire intensity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Wheeler County Court declares that a drought disaster exists within Wheeler County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wheeler County Court requests the Governor of the State of Oregon declare a state of drought emergency for Wheeler County as well as seek a United States Department of Agriculture drought declaration for this county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wheeler County Court requests any and all assistance from Oregon's Water Resource Department and all other state agencies.

DONE AND DATED this 2nd day of May, 2018

N. Lynn Morley, Wheeler County Judge

**Robert L. Ordway, Wheeler County Compassioner

**Debbie Starkey, Wheeler County Commissioner