

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EO 98 - 16

OREGON HISTORIC TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The *Oregon Historic Trails Report* presented by the Oregon Trails Coordinating Council in May, 1998 was the first step in the development of a statewide Oregon Historic Trails Program. The report serves as a general guide and planning document for future efforts in developing historic trail resources in Oregon. The Executive Summary of the *Oregon Historic Trails Report* noted the following:

“The objective of the Oregon Historic Trails Program is to establish Oregon as the nation’s leader in developing historic trails for their educational, recreational, and economic values. The Oregon Historic Trails Program, when fully implemented, will help preserve and leverage existing heritage resources while promoting rural economic development and growth through heritage tourism.

The opportunity to realize these benefits will depend on the entities that have the authority to act and collaborate on the program’s behalf: land management agencies, government commissions, heritage organizations, and tourism associations. The Council recommends that these entities move forward with the Oregon Historic Trails Program.”

The dissolution of the Oregon Trails Coordinating Council creates the need for a statewide advisory body to continue to recognize the value and significance of Oregon’s historic trails as outlined in ORS 358.057. The Oregon Trails Coordinating Council has recommended the reactivation of the Oregon Trails Advisory Council to oversee and advocate on behalf of Oregon’s historic trails.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

- 1) The Oregon Trail Advisory Council was created by Executive Order No. EO-84-10 and revised under Executive Order No. EO-94-02. This order restates the previous orders, revises the council’s scope, increases the membership, and changes the name to the “Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council.”
- 2) The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council is hereby created. The council shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the Governor’s pleasure. Members shall be appointed to terms of four years. The council shall reflect the demographic

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diversity of the state of Oregon to the greatest extent possible. Current members of the Oregon Trail Advisory Council are eligible to serve on the OHTAC under their original term expiration dates.

The Governor shall designate the council chair. The chair shall designate a vice-chair who shall carry out the duties of the chair in the chair's absence. The council may add non-voting ex officio members, associate members, and subcommittees as it deems appropriate.

The council shall have regular stated meetings as determined by a majority of its members and shall meet on special occasions upon the calling of the chair. Five voting members shall constitute a quorum. A vote of the majority shall be sufficient for all actions of the council.

No members of the council, regardless of their status as voting members, ex officio members, associate members, or any other classification, are entitled to compensation for their services or reimbursement for their expenses.

- 3) The Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council shall serve as an advisory body for activities and policies involving Oregon's historic trails as listed in ORS 358.057, particularly as they concern the State of Oregon. The council shall:
 - Promote public awareness of the historical significance of the trails and encourage the development, protection and interpretation of historical sites and outdoor recreation resources along their routes.
 - Act in an advisory capacity to Oregon agencies, bureaus, commissions, councils and committees, making recommendations about activities and policies that relate to the history of the trails and associated sites.
 - Serve as Oregon's official liaison with other states, associations, federal departments, bureaus and committees concerned with these trails to plan and coordinate activities which foster state and national recognition of the significance of Oregon's historic trails.

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- 4) The council shall have the authority to negotiate for staff assistance from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The council shall report to the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

Done this 11th day of August, 1998, at Salem, Oregon.

/S/ _____
John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

/S/ _____
Phil Keisling
SECRETARY OF STATE