

CHAPTER 569

AN ACT

HB 3348

Relating to a day to celebrate the University of Oregon fight song.

Whereas “Mighty Oregon” is the fight song of the University of Oregon; and

Whereas “Mighty Oregon” is a rousing song played at football and basketball games and other school functions, and rings out over campus from the Erb Memorial Union on weekdays at noon and 6 p.m.; and

Whereas “Mighty Oregon” was composed in 1915 by Albert John Perfect, director of the Eugene Municipal Band and first salaried band director at the University of Oregon, along with journalism student DeWitt Gilbert; and

Whereas the melody of the trio section of “Mighty Oregon,” the most popular part of the march, was written to fit the harmonies of the hit 1912 marching tune popularized during World War I called “It’s a Long Way to Tipperary,” and “Mighty Oregon” was originally subtitled “The Tipperary of the West”; and

Whereas “Mighty Oregon” was first introduced to the student body during a performance on March 10, 1916; and

Whereas “Mighty Oregon” was immediately successful and had gained national exposure by the mid-20th century; and

Whereas “Mighty Oregon” continues to rouse and inspire supporters of the University of Oregon sports teams; and

Whereas just as the first verse of “Mighty Oregon” states, what the University of Oregon “lacks in mass and numbers / She makes up for in her fight”; and

Whereas a day to celebrate “Mighty Oregon” will enrich and educate students and Oregonians about the history and meaning behind the renowned fight song; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. March 10 of each year shall be known as “Mighty Oregon” Day to celebrate University of Oregon school spirit and the renowned anthem that serves as the university’s fight song.

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