

**SAMPLE BOARD RESOLUTION FOR BECOMING AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER
OF THE COALITION OF OREGON LAND TRUSTS**

The Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts supports and advances professional excellence in private and conservation for people and nature. The vision of the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts is that Oregon is populated by land trusts (and other conservation organizations) of the highest professional caliber that conserve land with important wildlife, recreation, scenic, historic and agricultural values for future generations. Land conservation, stewardship, and conservation defense practices are consistent with the LTA's Standards and Practices. Oregon's land conservation community has a strong, unified voice, meets policy challenges head on and advances a proactive agenda.

The purpose of COLT is to serve as the professional association for the land trusts and land conservation organizations in the state. It will help build the capacity of these entities by cultivating leadership, promoting professional standards and encouraging collaboration, as well as represent its members by advocating for supportive policies and working to increase conservation funding in the state. COLT is the statewide voice for land conservation in Oregon and participates in public policy, information sharing, education, communication and outreach activities.

WHEREAS, The mission of _____ is to _____; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts is to serve and strengthen the land trust community of Oregon; and

WHEREAS _____ is a nonprofit organization registered to do business in the State of Oregon and it recognized as a public charity organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

WHEREAS _____ has adopted, and agreed to abide by, the Land Trust Alliance's Standards and Practices; and

WHEREAS _____ endorses COLT's current Three-Year Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, _____ desires to be an Associate Member of COLT.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

_____ confirms its qualifications for membership as defined in Section 12.5 of the COLT Bylaws for Associate Members, and hereby officially seeks admission as an Associate Member of the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on _____