SAMPLE BOARD RESOLUTION FOR BECOMING A 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 a full Organizational Member of COLT.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
_______ confirms its qualifications for membership as defined in Section 3.2.1 of the COLT Bylaws, and hereby officially seeks admission as an Organizational Member of the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts. ADOPTED by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on _______