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Declaration of Statewide Significance

Whereas, following a July 4th celebration in 1909 the Pendleton community conceived the idea of an annual event that would be known as the **Pendleton Round-Up**, and

Whereas, the event has drawn crowds of cowboys; cowgirls; Nez Perce, Umatilla, Cayuse, Walla Walla and Yakama tribal members; horses; performers; athletes; tourists; and other residents since then, and

Whereas, the **Pendleton Round-Up** inspires about 20,000 hours of volunteer effort annually, and

Whereas, the **Pendleton Round-Up** defines the culture of the Eastern Oregon community, including schools, governments, businesses, and civic organizations, and

Whereas, generations of both Native Americans and non-Native Americans mark their lives with the activities and successes of this nationally renowned event, and

Whereas, the Oregon Heritage Commission is designated by the Oregon Revised Statutes as the state agency to coordinate statewide anniversary celebrations,

The Oregon Heritage Commission hereby declares the 100th anniversary of the **Pendleton Round-Up** as a celebration of statewide significance, and encourages all Oregonians to join in learning about and celebrating this unique Oregon event.

Approved by the Oregon Heritage Commission
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George Kramer, Chair