

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, OREGON**

In the Matter of

***OPPOSING CLOSURE OF THE UNITED
STATES COAST GUARD HELICOPTER AIR
RESCUE FACILITY AT THE NEWPORT
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT***

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) **RESOLUTION #** 14-08-10B
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WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard first stationed a helicopter in Newport in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the decision to bring a helicopter to the Central Coast was the result of years of concerted effort by the Newport Fishermen’s Wives and other community members working with local, state and federal elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the campaign to bring the helicopter to Newport was the result of concern over numerous deaths of commercial fishermen and recreational boaters on the cold and treacherous waters of the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, Newport and the Central Coast are the hub of one of the most productive commercial fishing fleets in the world and a very active charter fleet; and

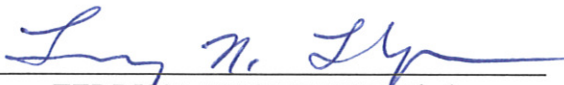
WHEREAS, the mission statement of the United States Coast Guard is to provide for “the well-being, general safety, security, and interests of the citizens of the United States”; and

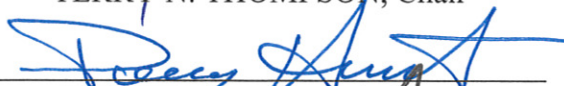
WHEREAS, the announcement by the United States Coast Guard that it will close the helicopter rescue air facility at the Newport Municipal Airport, effective November 30, 2014, imperils the safety of citizens and runs contrary to the United States Coast Guard’s mission statement;

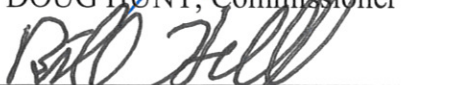
NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, do hereby call on the United States Coast Guard to reverse this decision and ask for the assistance of all local, state and federal officials in this task.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2014.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



TERRY N. THOMPSON, Chair


DOUG HUNT, Commissioner


BILL HALL, Commissioner