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**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-23**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PRESERVATION OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
HELICOPTER AIR RESCUE FACILITY AT NEWPORT, OREGON**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lincoln City, Oregon is located on the Pacific Ocean and has several miles of ocean beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, Lincoln City's permanent residents regularly participate in commercial and recreational activities on the beach and in the ocean;

**WHEREAS**, Lincoln City has a large visitor population which can exceed 20,000 during the summer months, and Lincoln City's visitors regularly participate in recreational activities on the beach and in the ocean without having the opportunity to familiarize themselves with local conditions; and

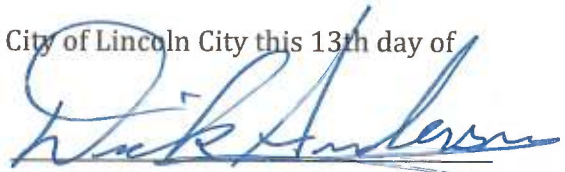
**WHEREAS**, the cold and treacherous waters of the Pacific Ocean have led to many marine emergency responses in the Lincoln City area involving helicopters originating from the Newport Air Facility; and

**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 Lincoln City's permanent residents and visitors by greatly extending the response time to water emergency situations in the Lincoln City area;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY, AS FOLLOWS:**

The City Council of the City of Lincoln City expresses its grave concern over the safety impacts to a wide range of maritime activities that will occur in Lincoln City and along the entire Central Oregon Coast after the closure of the United States Coast Guard Air Facility in Newport, Oregon. The City Council requests that the United States Coast Guard reconsider its decision of October 2, 2014 to close this facility, and asks for the assistance of all local, state and federal officials to assure that timely emergency maritime response will remain available for Lincoln City and the Central Oregon Coast through continued operation of the Newport Air Facility.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Lincoln City this 13th day of October 2014.

  
DICK ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CATHY STEERE, CITY RECORDER