

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF OPPOSING THE )  
CLOSURE OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD )  
HELICOPTER AIR RESCUE FACILITY )  
AT NEWPORT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT )

RESOLUTION & ORDER

**WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard first established a helicopter air rescue facility in Newport in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, the campaign to bring the helicopter facility to Newport was the result of concern over numerous deaths of commercial fishermen, recreational boaters, and coastal visitors in the cold and treacherous waters of the Pacific Ocean, and that in conjunction with Air Stations in Astoria and North Bend, adequate air rescue services were provided along the entire length of the Oregon Coast and stretching into Washington and California ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Coast continues to grow as a hub of one of the most productive commercial fishing fleets in the world, a very active charter fleet and hundreds of thousands of recreational users of our oceans and beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, the Newport air rescue facility provides back-up service to the Coast Guard air stations in Astoria and North Bend, which would be required to increase their coverage areas in the event of its closure; 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 imperils the safety of citizens along the entire Oregon Coast and runs contrary to the United States Coast Guard's mission statement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Clatsop County calls on the United States Coast Guard to reverse this decision.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Scott Lee, Chairperson