

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER AND RESOLUTION
NO: 14-10-21-09.

IN THE MATTER OF EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED
PRESENCE AND OPERATION OF THE
COAST GUARD AIR FACILITY, NEWPORT

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes both the beauty and the inherent dangerousness of Lane County's 30 miles of coastal beaches, dunes, headlands, and cliffs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners first priority is the safety of Lane County's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard Air Facility, Newport, provides helicopter rescue services within Lane and Lincoln Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Air Facility was first established by Congress in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the helicopters from that station are dispatched to between 40 and 50 emergencies annually; and

WHEREAS, the Air Facility is slated for closure through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Air Stations in Astoria and North Bend have an estimated 60 minute response time to reach areas previously covered by the Air Facility Newport.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS and RESOLVES** as follows:

1. The United States Coast Guard's closure of Air Facility Newport represents an inappropriate and unacceptable risk to those who work in and visit the coastal environment of Lane County.
2. That this Order and Resolution expressing concern over this closing be transmitted immediately to Admiral Paul Zukunft, Commandant, US Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd St. SW Stop 7000, Washington DC 20593-7000

ADOPTED this 21st day of October, 2014.



Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 10-20-14


LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL