BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF HOOD RIVER, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF SITING AN INTERPRETIVE CENTER IN HOOD RIVER COUNTY

RESOLUTION # 1981-88-8

WHEREAS, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area act designated funds for construction of an Interpretive Center to be located within the boundaries of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area in the State of Oregon: and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Gorge Showcase, Inc. has developed comprehensive plans for an Interpretive Center to be located in Hood River County that will include exhibits depicting the geology, natural and cultural history of the Columbia River Gorge, resource management, and recreational opportunities in the region;

WHEREAS, Hood River County is located within the boundaries of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, and has the Columbia River as its Northerly boundary, Mt. Hood as its Southerly boundary, and Cascade Locks with its unique history and scenic qualities as its Westerly boundary; and

WHEREAS, Hood River County is located along Interstate 84, and is served by Amtrak and an airport; and

WHEREAS, Hood River County, via Highway 35, is the gateway to the Mt. Hood National Forest and its recreation facilities; to Timberline Lodge, a National Historic Landmark; and to other summer and winter recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia River at the mouth of the Hood River is known as a world-class windsurfing site; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Hood River and Port of Cascade Locks operate interstate bridges connecting Hood River County to the Washington side of the Columbia River, thereyby providing access to Mt. Adams, white water boating, and other recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Hood River County has summer and winter recreational facilities and opportunities, and scenic qualities, and an anvironment that will complement and enhance the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Interpretive Center.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Port of Hood River Commissioners supports the Columbia Gorge Showcase, Inc. in its efforts to have the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Interpretive Center located in Hood River County.

ADOPTED this 10th day of June, 1988

PORT OF HOOD RIVER COMMISSIONERS