

**PORT OF HOOD RIVER
Resolution No. 2024-25-3**

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOOD RIVER BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the mile-long Hood River Bridge crosses the Columbia River at approximately river mile 169.8 on the Bonneville Pool; and

WHEREAS, the Bridge was built by the Oregon-Washington Bridge Company – originally named the Waucoma Bridge – and opened at 10:00am on December 6, 1924; and

WHEREAS, in 1938 the Bonneville Dam was completed requiring the Bridge to be raised including the addition of a lift span and towers; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Hood River acquired the Bridge at 12:00 noon on December 12, 1950, from the Oregon-Washington Bridge Company for the purchase price of \$800,000; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the Bridge tolls – in addition to operating and maintaining the bridge - were invested in numerous economic development and recreational opportunities throughout Hood River increasing the livability of the entire mid-Columbia region; and

WHEREAS, the Centennial anniversary of the Bridge is December 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Hood River Board of Commissioners would like to commemorate and celebrate the milestone anniversary with a community-wide celebration; NOW THEREFORE;

THE PORT OF HOOD RIVER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Proclamation. December 6, 2024, shall be named as “The Hood River Bridge Centennial Anniversary.”

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the Centennial is to celebrate the bringing together of communities on both sides of the Columbia River while acknowledging the great progress in recent years of replacing this aging piece of infrastructure.

Section 3. Centennial Committee. Commission President Kristi Chapman and Commission Vice President Heather Gehring are hereby named as Co-chairs of the Centennial Committee and are given authority to add to the Committee’s membership as they see appropriate. This Committee is an internal, ad hoc committee following the Commission’s Governance Rules and will complete its work before December 31, 2024, unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

Section 4. Bridge Closure. The Hood River Bridge shall be closed the morning of Sunday, October 6, 2024, to allow citizens from Oregon and Washington to freely walk along the Bridge and celebrate its birthday.

Section 5. Authority. The Commission delegates authority to the Centennial Committee to make more detailed decisions on the event while working with Port staff to ensure a safe and festive environment for all involved.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Hood River on this 20th day of August 2024.


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Kristi Chapman, President

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Michael Fox, Secretary