

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Supporting the Preservation of the USS Ranger in Multnomah County at Chinook Landing Marine Park.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The USS Ranger Museum Foundation is a registered, non-profit corporation established in 2001 and organized for the purpose of securing, maintaining and operating the decommissioned super carrier USS Ranger CV-61 as an educational center, museum, military memorial and resource for emergency management response.
- b. Metro has given the Foundation permission to moor the USS Ranger at its Chinook Landing Marine Park in Fairview, Oregon, subject to successful completion by the Foundation of all requirements of the U.S. Navy (NAVSEA application and approval) and applicable federal, state and local law.
- c. The USS Ranger is the 8th ship of the U.S. Navy to bear the name "Ranger", with a lineage going back to Captain John Paul Jones in 1777; the USS Ranger CV-61, currently decommissioned in Bremerton, Washington, was commissioned in 1957 and has seen combat action in the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm.
- d. Operating carrier museums such as the USS Midway and USS Intrepid in other cities around the United States have proven to be successful and demonstrated a sustainable operating model; the USS Ranger will attract national and international visitors that contribute an estimated \$46 million to the local economy and 536 direct and indirect jobs.
- e. The USS Ranger was used in the films "Top Gun" and "Star Trek IV", with potential for future use in the television and movie industry as the only super carrier on exhibition.
- f. The USS Ranger will be the largest exhibited carrier in the U.S., the world's largest floating museum, and will include a museum and memorial recognizing the contribution made by so many veterans from all branches of the military with exhibits and space dedicated aboard where services can take place, honor and color guards can store equipment, and families can receive visitors.
- g. The USS Ranger may serve as a regional emergency management platform by providing a secure and survivable space in the event of a major natural disaster, a 4.5 acre flight deck that fifteen helicopters can land on at once, and available onboard hospital and gathering space for treating survivors as well as providing short term shelter, food, water, and supplies.
- h. The USS Ranger will adopt the "live-aboard" programs employed by other carrier museums for youth and families, partner with labor groups and technical schools for training programs, and collaborate with local colleges on coursework opportunities.

- i. The USS Ranger will include important community resources including cultural and civic displays, space for veteran's organizations and events, a hangar bay that accommodates conferences or receptions for as many as 3500 people, a 4.5 acre flight deck for museum installations and community events, and meeting rooms for community and educational functions.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. To endorse establishing a permanent home for the USS Ranger at Chinook Landing Marine Park.
3. To support efforts by the USS Ranger Foundation to partner with County programs in order to enhance services to veterans, education and training, emergency management, and other critical services in Multnomah County.

ADOPTED this 28 day of April, 2011.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

Jeff Cogen, Chair

**REVIEWED:
HENRY H. LAZENBY, JR., COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

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SUBMITTED BY:
Commissioner Diane McKeel