

RESOLUTION 2008-04

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO ENSURE THE SWIFT RESTORATION OF RAIL SERVICE IN TILLAMOOK COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the December 2007 storm washed out large portions of the Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad's rail bed in the Salmonberry River canyon in the mountains east of Wheeler, Ore., shutting down the railroad and leaving county sawmills without an affordable means of shipping lumber to the nation's markets and forcing county dairy farmers to pay much higher costs for feed grain; and

WHEREAS, without a speedy restoration of an affordable means of shipping heavy industrial loads in and out of Tillamook County, the core components of our local economy could be seriously damaged, threatening the county's family-wage jobs and the quality of life for everyone; and

WHEREAS, this rail system is the sole provider of cost-efficient transportation of timber, grain products and raw materials both to and from Tillamook County; and

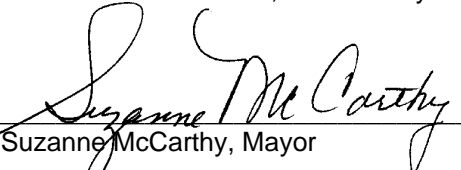
WHEREAS, the industries served by the railroad are the largest employers in Tillamook County; and

WHEREAS, the Weyerhaeuser Hardwood Mill in Garibaldi ships via the Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad processing 32 million board feet of hardwood annually and shipping half of it via the Port of Tillamook Bay railroad; NOW THEREFORE,

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARIBALDI RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:


Section 1. Encourages local, state and federal agencies to ensure the swift restoration of rail service in Tillamook County.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, this 19th day of February 2008.



Hon. Suzanne McCarthy, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kevin M. Greenwood, Administrator