BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR LINCOLN COUNTY OREGON

A RESOLUTION TO:	)	**Resolution NO. _____**
DECLARE THE _____ COMMITMENT TO JOIN WITH LINCOLN COUNTY CITIES AND WATER DISTRICTS TO CREATE A 50-YEAR COUNTY-WIDE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLAN THAT INCORPORATES LOCAL AND REGIONAL INTEGRATED PLANS TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM WATER SECURITY FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND SIGNIFICANT PROTECTIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, THROUGH MEMBERSHIP IN THE LINCOLN COUNTY WATER SYSTEMS ALLIANCE (LCWSA)	)	

WHEREAS, in its Oregon's Mid-Coast Planning Partnership Water Action Plan, the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership (MCWPP) has identified the need to create a feasible 50-year county-wide water supply plan that incorporates regionally integrated plans to improve water system resiliency and water supply development in the face of natural and human-caused disasters; and,

WHEREAS, the Oregon's Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Water Action Plan names the Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance (LCWSA) as a leader in the development of the 50-year County-wide plan, the identification of additional sources of available water, and the prioritization of project funding throughout the region; and,

WHEREAS, the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership (MCWPP) is positioned to support the LCWSA through enhanced coordination with state and federal entities regarding regulations, permits, and funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance (LCWSA) is being created in order to establish regional water systems which will provide long-term water security for our entire county; and,

WHEREAS, the success of the LCWSA will require the participation of incorporated Lincoln County cities, water districts, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, the County of Lincoln County, and the involvement of conservation and water organizations; and,

WHEREAS, water suppliers will have a strengthened ability to address water issues, increase resiliency, and develop water sources through pooled resources; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the LCWSA is urgent, as city, water district, and industrial water systems in Lincoln County are already experiencing water shortages and limits during the dry summer months; and,

WHEREAS, climate change projections indicate that the water shortages will increase dramatically; and,

WHEREAS, projected population growth will increase the demand for water resources, as the supply is decreasing, rendering our current systems untenable; and,

WHEREAS, county-wide water systems must prepare for earthquake and tsunami resilience; and,

WHEREAS, countywide water systems must meet new federal and state stream flow regulations for endangered fish species and stream ecology; and,

WHEREAS, Lincoln County cities and water suppliers, as separate entities, have struggled to adequately fund the development and maintenance of the available local water resources; and,

WHEREAS, infrastructure deterioration and replacement costs are beyond the means of local taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, applications for state and federal permits and major infrastructure funding will be strengthened when they demonstrate the benefits to and support of the entire region; and,

WHEREAS, the overall mission of the LCWSA is to review options, develop a 50-year plan, secure funding, and establish regional water supply and distribution systems which will provide long-term water security throughout Lincoln County, while achieving significant protections for our rivers, streams, and watersheds; and,

WHEREAS, the development and realization of this plan will be enhanced through a partnership with Oregon State University; and,

WHEREAS, all LCWSA members should provide their active and proposed plans for local and regional water sources, storage, production, and distribution for inclusion in the OSU study; and,

WHEREAS, all LCWSA members should become well informed on the options available, and have input into the 50-Year Plan to assure that their organization will benefit; and,

WHEREAS, Lincoln County is able to provide leadership assuring that the water needs of the entire county are considered in the development of the plan; and,

WHEREAS, the LCWSA will determine which water projects will be included in the 50-Year Lincoln County Regional Water System Plan through a majority vote of the members, after review of the OSU study, review of additional information, and consideration of the needs of all members; and,

WHEREAS, each member city and water district will maintain their right to determine and independently proceed with water projects they have identified as essential, independent of inclusion in the final 50-Year Plan; and,

WHEREAS, each member city and water district may choose to remove a water project which is within their service area from the Plan, but should accommodate Plan distribution systems to other cities or water districts; and,

WHEREAS, the LCWSA will assist the cities and water districts in securing funding for and implementation of the approved 50-Year Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, The members of the _____ do hereby find, declare and resolve that:

1. The _____ commits to the mission and conditions above, and will become a member of the Lincoln County Water Systems Alliance (LCWSA).

2. The _____ will appoint a staff member or elected official to actively participate in the pursuits of the LCWSA and to serve as the communication link between the _____ and the LCWSA.

3. The _____ will consider supporting a portion of the costs of the LCWSA mission when proposed and agreed upon by the LCWSA membership.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the _____.

PASSED by the _____ on APPROVED by the _____ on

this _____day of _____ 2024. this _____day of _____2024.

ATTEST: APPROVED:

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Name, Position Name, Position

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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CLAIRE HALL, Commissioner