

**CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE
RESOLUTION NO. 456**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING A REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AMONG THE CITIES OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, STEVENSON AND CASCADE LOCKS AND THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the cities of Cascade Locks, Stevenson and North Bonneville form a type of extended community in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia River Gorge Commission is the regional planning agency created by the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act (Act) in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the Act and the resulting interstate compact between Oregon and Washington provide the Columbia River Gorge Commission (Commission) and Gorge communities a unique governance structure and legal authority within which to work together to meet regional needs and solve regional challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Act embodies two fundamental purposes – to protect and enhance resources, and to support and enhance the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, commerce and community interactions often do not recognize state or city borders in daily activities; and

WHEREAS, the city must find new ways to do business to meet the challenges of the current economic climate; and

WHEREAS, recognizing their shared economic futures, the three cities have worked together on various economic and tourism development projects in the past and all Skamania County public entities currently cooperate prioritizing Capital Improvement Projects; and

WHEREAS, the three cities currently contract with each other for mutual aid in emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Stevenson and North Bonneville currently share personnel while the three cities often share equipment and tend to contract with the same vendors for supplies and services; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Cascade Locks and Stevenson contract with the same wastewater treatment plant operations company; and

WHEREAS, the City Councils of the Cities of North Bonneville, Cascade Locks and Stevenson have met twice to explore potential partnership options, finding many areas of common interest and mutual benefit; and

WHEREAS, The Columbia River Gorge Commission has committed to assist the three cities in our partnership efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of North Bonneville hereby supports the development of partnership agreements with the cities of Stevenson and Cascade Locks and the Columbia River Gorge Commission, and appoints Councilor Charles Pace to a joint committee to help draft such agreements.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION this 23rd day of April, 2013.

ATTEST:



Mayor



City Clerk