## BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Supporting the Nomination of Honorable James D. Healy to the National	)	Resolution No. 10-2013
Freight Advisory Committee	)	

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is establishing a National Freight Advisory Committee (NFAC) and soliciting nominations for membership; and

WHEREAS, the NFAC will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on matters related to freight transportation in the United States, including: (1) Implementation of the freight transportation requirements of MAP 21; (2) Establishment of the National Freight Network; (3) Development of a National Freight Strategic Plan; (4) Development of strategies to help States implement State Freight Advisor Committee and State Freight Plans; and (5) Development of measures of conditions and performance in freight transportation; (6) Development of freight transportation investment, data, and planning tools; and (7) Legislative recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation has requested nominations for members of the Committee to ensure a wide range of members and a balanced Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation will appoint committee members with a view toward achieving varied perspectives on freight transportation, including from government bodies, and seeking to balance the interests of many groups including those of local elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Counties play an integral role in the movement of freight in America owning and operating: 44% of all public roads and highways; 228,026 bridges of all kinds; 27% of public transit systems; and 30% of public airports; and

WHEREAS, Elected County Officials play a key role in economic development efforts in their regions and development of new regional transportation infrastructure, serving on, or being actively involved in, all of the nations Port Authorities, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Development Organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable James D. Healy, County Commissioner, serves as Transportation Chairman for the National Association of Counties (NACo), having also served NACo as Chairman of the Highway, Airport and Transit Authorization Sub-Committees, and serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), and served as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Transportation and Public Works Committees in his home County, as well as a past member of his local regional planning organization;

WHEREAS, the Honorable James D. Healy has been a vocal proponent of local governments working together in cooperation with the freight, shipping and railroad industries, hosting the first freight/railroad summit last year bringing together 250 local elected officials and representatives of the freight, shipping and railroad industry, and is singularly responsible for the positive dialogue now occurring between local government officials and the railroad industry.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, do hereby request the Secretary of Transportation to appoint the Honorable James D. Healy, County Commissioner, as a member of the NFAC Committee, to represent the views and interests of local governments in America.

By:

Dated this 20th day of March, 2013

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

Henry Heinauller, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_Anthony Hyde, Compassioner

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

## Jan Greenhalgh - Fwd: County Resolution Needed ASAP

From:

Tony Hyde

To:

Greenhalgh, Jan

Date:

3/18/13 1:50 PM

Subject:

Fwd: County Resolution Needed ASAP

**Attachments:** NFAC Reso.docx

Can you put this together for us?

Thanks, Tony

>>> "James D. Healy" <JDH@gsrnh.com> 3/14/2013 11:23 AM >>> Commissioner:

We need a Resolution from your County - ASAP!

NACo is submitting my name for membership on a Freight Task Force that will have only 25 members. Secretary LaHood said he would like a local elected official as a member, so we are putting on a "full court press" to make that official a County Commissioner.

We are asking NACo Members to adopt a resolution by their County (see sample attached), and have it PDF'd and emailed to me by March 21, 2013. If you can not send the Resolution until later, please still do the Resolution, we will supplement the initial filing as the Resolutions come in. PLEASE help, NACo needs to raise its united voice to be heard.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 630-202-1162 (cell).

Thank you - we know this is short notice.

Jim Healy **County Commissioner** DuPage County, Illinois

PS Send all Resolutions to jdh@gsrnh.com