CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 3843

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, OREGON SUPPORTING THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE CLIMATE CHANGE PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, climate change, created by atmospheric warming caused by greenhouse gases, has reached a critical level; and

WHEREAS, science has shown that climate change is a result of human activity; and WHEREAS, climate change on the Oregon coast will result in higher wave heights, more powerful winter storms, shoreline erosion, rising sea level and tidal height, hypoxic nearshore ocean waters, seasonal temperature changes, more acidic ocean waters, and changes in forest cover; and

WHEREAS, the impact of addressing the effects of climate change on the Oregon coast may be measured in lost lives, economic losses, an increased cost of living, and

WHEREAS, climate change has a profound effect on the residents and visitors of the City of Newport and the Oregon coast; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon everyone to seek innovative solutions to reduce the impact of climate change on the atmosphere, oceans, forests, fisheries, and energy and water sources; and

WHEREAS, at the September 17, 2018 City Council meeting, the City Council approved a motion to support the creation of a public/private climate change partnership in Lincoln County to meet and discuss upcoming carbon reduction strategies and legislation that will be before the 2019 Oregon state legislative session, and to direct city administration to participate in the work of the partnership as described in the Vision 2040 Plan and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2018, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 18-28-11A convening a public/private partnership on climate change.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. The City Council of the City of Newport supports Lincoln County's convening of a public/private partnership on climate change, consisting of public and private groups and individuals who may voluntarily participate in public forums that will seek to educate and address the impacts of the climate change crisis.

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted by the Newport City Council on March 4, 2019.

Signed by the Mayor on March 5, 2019.

Dean H. Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder