

1 physical and logistical infrastructure of any nonmilitary government insti-
2 tution in the United States; and

3 Whereas on March 9, 1847, the first USPS-authorized post office west of
4 the Rocky Mountains was established in Astoria under Oregon's first post-
5 master, John M. Shively, and a second post office followed in Oregon City
6 in 1848 under postmaster Egbert Bennett; and

7 Whereas those first post offices in Astoria and Oregon City served as
8 crucial hubs for the delivery of mail across the country beginning in 1849;
9 and

10 Whereas USPS is among the most diverse organizations in the nation,
11 with 45 percent of its roughly 640,000-strong workforce made up of women,
12 54 percent made up of historically underrepresented minorities, more than
13 70,000 employees who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces and
14 more than 42,000 employees with disabilities; and

15 Whereas approximately 8-1/2 percent of the USPS workforce, or roughly
16 5,500 employees, are based in Oregon, including roughly 4,000 letter carriers;
17 and

18 Whereas Oregonians take great pride in this state's deep history with, and
19 enduring connections to, the United States Postal Service; now, therefore,

20 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

21 That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, honor the
22 United States Postal Service for its rich history of connecting people, com-
23 munities and commerce; and be it further

24 Resolved, That we thank all letter carriers and USPS employees for their
25 dedication, professionalism and commitment to excellence; and be it further

26 Resolved, That we celebrate 250 years of collecting, sorting, processing,
27 transporting and delivering our nation's mail.

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