RESOLUTION NO. 2221

INTRODUCED BY ALL COMMISSIONERS

SUPPORTING THE LOCATION OF THE NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION'S RESEARCH VESSELS AT TONGUE POINT

WHEREAS, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is in the process of looking to relocate its research vessels from Seattle, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the terminal at Tongue Point is listed as a possible site for relocation; and

WHEREAS, Tongue Point is a secure facility and has significant advantages. It was a former naval base, is federally owned and controlled, with underutilized existing piers. The location at the mouth of the Columbia River provides quick and convenient access to ocean water; and

WHEREAS, the Warrenton City Commission believes the relocation of NOAA research vessels to the Tongue Point site is desirable and will be a positive addition to Clatsop County as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Warrenton that the City Commission of the City of Warrenton whole-heartedly supports and endorses locating NOAA vessels at the federally owned piers at Tongue Point in Astoria, Oregon, and urges our partners in Clatsop County and our state and federal delegation to work diligently to advocate for Tongue Point as the homeport for NOAA vessels operating in northwest waters.

Adopted by the City Commission of the City of Warrenton this <u>8th</u> day of April 2008.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

APPROVED

Gilbert Gramson, Mayor

ATTEST

Linda Engbretson, City Recorder