



RESOLUTION NO. 7269

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR THE LINN, BENTON, AND LINCOLN COUNTIES REGION AND REGISTERING WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN 2024

WHEREAS, homelessness is a critical issue in the tri-county region of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties; in Oregon; and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, children, families, veterans, and chronically homeless individuals experiencing mental illness and addictions comprise a large portion of the region's homeless population; and

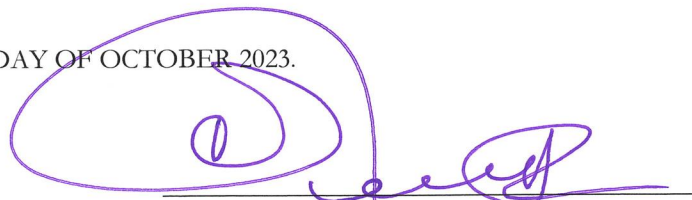
WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development created the Continuum of Care program in 1994 as a means for communities across the nation to "engage in multi-year strategic planning for homeless programs and services that are well integrated with planning for mainstream services"; mainstream services denoting public housing, Section 8 housing choice vouchers, and services for runaway and homeless youth, victims of domestic violence, veterans, seniors, and people experiencing addictions and/or mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties are part of a "balance of state" Rural Oregon Continuum of Care; and

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council carefully considered relevant factors and determined that the region could benefit from creating its own Continuum of Care, with enhanced service coordination, local autonomy, and alignment of goals to more effectively reduce homelessness in the region;

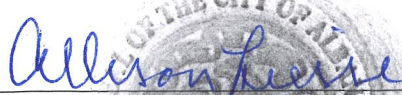
NOW-THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council supports establishing a Continuum of Care for the Linn, Benton, and Lincoln County region and supports the new Continuum of Care registering with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2024.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Allison Kuesse
City Clerk

