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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

TASSI O'NEIL  
COUNTY CLERK

In the Matter of Proclaiming ) RESOLUTION  
April 27, 2019 as "Plastic Pollution ) #R-19-005  
Awareness Day" in Tillamook, Oregon )

This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on April 17, 2019 at the request of Beverly Stein, Tillamook County Master Recyclers. The Board, being fully apprised of the above-named person, finds as follows:

1. Plastic pollution is a problem worldwide and there is a growing movement to address its impact.
2. Plastics became widely used in the 1950s as substitutes for heavier and more expensive materials. Although plastics have many beneficial uses, the dramatic increase in use, especially single-use plastics, has become a concern. Half of the plastics manufactured were made in the last 15 years.
3. Plastic waste degrades into smaller and smaller micro-particles that carry chemical toxins, much of which finds its way into the ocean. Eight million tons of plastic enter marine waters every year.
4. Plastic ingestion has been found in over half of aquatic mammals, such as sea turtles and whales, which has led to their death. An estimated one million seabirds are also killed annually from plastic ingestion.
5. As a coastal community, we are acutely aware of the health and importance of the ocean for marine life, our economy, and quality of life. Those who live close to the ocean have a special role of stewardship and leadership to preserve its beauty and the health of the marine life.
6. It is estimated that the average person uses 360 plastic bags a year. Therefore, Tillamook County, with a population of approximately 27,000 uses nearly nine million plastic bags per year. Forty percent of plastic bags are thrown away within ten minutes and only one percent are recycled. Additionally, China no longer accepts mixed plastic waste or plastic bags for recycling from the United States.
7. Attending the "Plastic Pollution Awareness Day" event on April 27, 2019 in the Second Street Plaza in the City of Tillamook is one way that residents can learn about plastic pollution and help raise awareness about the need to reduce single-use plastics in the community.

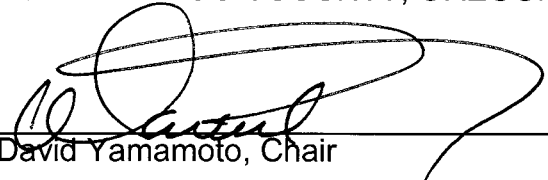
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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

- 8. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 27, 2019 as "*Plastic Pollution Awareness Day*" in Tillamook County.
- 9. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners encourage residents to attend the "*Plastic Pollution Awareness Day*" event to continue to educate themselves about the impact of plastic pollution on Tillamook County.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

  
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David Yamamoto, Chair

Aye    Nay    Abstain/Absent

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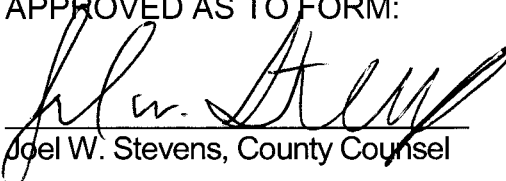
  
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Mary Faith Bell, Commissioner

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ATTEST: Tassi O'Neil, County Clerk

By:   
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Special Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Joel W. Stevens, County Counsel

