

Proclamation

Whereas, the “Port of Coos Bay” is steeped in diversity and maritime history since Native Americans plied the waters of the bay thousands of years ago when it was known as Koose Bay; and

Whereas, the Tall Ships were constructed on Coos Bay during the mid-1850’s to the 1920’s to trade goods regionally, nationally, and internationally; and

Whereas, historical shipyards on Coos Bay were located in Empire City, North Bend-Old Town, Porter, Ferndale, Marshfield, and Pleasant Point in Eastside; and

Whereas, these aforementioned shipyards built over 70 Tall Ships consisting of schooners, barkentines, and one clipper ship; and

Whereas, the most distinguished Tall Ship, the clipper Western Shore, was built by John Kruse in the Simpson Shipyard in Old Town North Bend in 1874 and still maintains the record for sailing from the Columbia River to Liverpool in 97 days, and

Whereas, the North Bend built in 1920 in the Kruse and Banks shipyard was a four masted schooner is noted in Ripley’s Believe it or not as the “Ghost Ship” as it walked itself a half a mile through the sand on Peacock Spit in Astoria, Oregon and was restored to profitable service, and

Whereas, it is the duty, pleasure, and responsibility of government agencies, organizations, and entities to further the importance of Coos Bay’s historical and maritime contributions of an industry as well as a geographical place in Oregon’s proud history; and

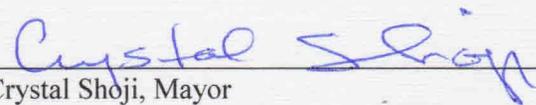
Now therefore, be it resolved, I, Crystal Shoji, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay, do hereby proclaim that the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay, the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend, Coos Historical Museum and Maritime Display, and the Coos Bay Boat Building Center and Maritime District do hereby proclaim from this day forward, that Coos Bay be designated as the

Tall Ship Port of Oregon

and encourage all to join in this observance.



In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on this 15th day of April 2014.


Crystal Shoji, Mayor