

Resolution # 956

*In support of transfer of the Oregon Youth Authority facility
located in Prineville, Oregon, to the Oregon National Guard*

WHEREAS, The Oregon Youth Authority has ceased to operate a juvenile correction facility located in Prineville, Oregon, and

WHEREAS, the closure of said facility resulted in a substantial economic setback for the people of Prineville, and

WHEREAS, the people of Prineville did support the construction of such a facility for the purpose of acquiring certain economic benefits for the community, and

WHEREAS, it has become clear that the Oregon Youth Authority will not have resources in the near-term to reopen said facility, and

WHEREAS, the people of Crook County and Prineville are bearing the brunt of that decision, and

WHEREAS, the closure of the facility has not reduced the capital cost to the State of Oregon associated with its construction, and

WHEREAS, the facility could be utilized by the Oregon National Guard, and

WHEREAS, the people of Prineville have great respect for the Oregon National Guard, and

WHEREAS, other communities have experienced significant economic benefit from the permanent presence of Guard units, and

WHEREAS, the Oregon National Guard provides a significant opportunity to local citizens seeking to improve their skills, advance their education and supplement their incomes, and

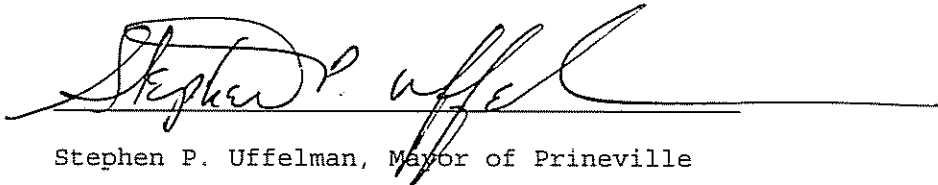
WHEREAS, the National Guard in other communities has proven to be a cooperative and helpful civic partner which has constructed community infrastructure, and enhanced and supported local law enforcement agencies, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRINEVILLE that the Council expresses its support for the Oregon National Guard as a vital component of national and state security and worthwhile local partner, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council calls upon the HON. TED KULONGOSKI, Governor of Oregon, to consider transferring the existing Oregon Youth Authority facility located in Prineville to the Oregon National Guard for purposes of relocating a permanently based National Guard Troop and other programs of the Guard as may be reasonable to Prineville, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council calls upon its elected state and federal officials to provide all reasonable assistance and support to such transfer.

Approved this 9th day of December, 2003


Stephen P. Uffelman, Mayor of Prineville

ATTEST:


Henry Hartley, City Manager