

Port of Port Angeles

Port Angeles, Washington

Commissioners' Resolution No. 18-1183

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE EFFORTS OF MR. RAY BUCHEGER

Whereas the Fairchild International Airport is a vital asset for growing Clallam County's economy and for responding to natural disasters and medical emergencies; and

Whereas in 2016 the Federal Aviation Administration issued a preliminary determination to reduce the runway at Fairchild International Airport that would be eligible for federal grant assistance; and

Whereas the Federal Aviation Administration preliminary decision, if implemented, would have adversely impacted the Port of Port Angeles and Clallam County's efforts to restore commercial air service to the North Olympic Peninsula; and

Whereas the Federal Aviation Administration's preliminary decision, if implemented, would have adversely impacted the Port of Port Angeles and Clallam County's efforts to encourage expansion and growth of businesses in Clallam County; and

Whereas the criteria guiding the Federal Aviation Administration's decisions on eligibility for runway grant assistance does not include the important role of the Fairchild International Airport for providing emergency and medical response services to the Olympic Peninsula; and

Whereas Ray Bucheger teamed with the Port of Port Angeles and Congressman Derek Kilmer to prepare an amendment to the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 that adds emergency and medical response criteria into the FAA's decision-making process; and

Whereas Ray Bucheger's tireless efforts working with Washington's Congressional Delegation led to successful adoption of the amendment in H.R.302, the FAA Reauthorization Act; and

Whereas the President of the United States signed H.R. 302 into law on October 5, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Port Angeles hereby expresses its gratitude for the strategic partnership with Ray Bucheger and thank Ray Bucheger for his commitment to achieving a successful outcome for the Port of Port Angeles and citizens of Washington's Olympic Peninsula.


ADOPTED proudly this 23rd Day of October, 2018.



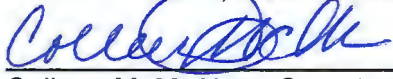
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