

**PORT OF BROOKINGS HARBOR
CURRY COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CHETCO INDIAN MEMORIAL**

WHEREAS, the Port of Brookings Harbor is a port district, organized and operated under the provisions of ORS Chapter 777, and has the authority to adopt resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution No. 411, December 15, 2009, to grant easement to Chetco Historical Indian Memorial; and

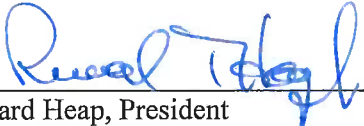
WHEREAS, the Chetco Indian Memorial Project has provided management and maintenance to the site since its completion in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Chetco Indian Memorial Project is now asking the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Tribal Council to assume the responsibility of the management and maintenance of the memorial site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF BROOKINGS HARBOR THAT:

1. The Port of Brookings Harbor Board of Commissioners ("Commissioners") accepts the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Tribal Council taking responsibility of the management and maintenance of the Chetco Indian Memorial site.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners this 18th day of October, 2023.


Richard Heap, President

ATTEST:


Sharon Hartung, Secretary/Treasurer



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Tribal Council**

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Richard Heap, President
Board of Commissioners
Port of Brookings Harbor
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Dear President Heap:

As Chairman for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians I am writing in regards to the Chetco Indian Memorial that the Port of Brookings Harbor has supported by creating an easement for siting of the memorial.

As you may be aware, the memorial project was initiated and completed through the efforts of Siletz Tribal members living in the Brookings area who are direct descendants of Lucy Dick, the last known full blood Chetco to live in the Chetco valley—a bronze statue of her is prominently featured in the memorial. These Tribal members/descendants organized as the non-profit Chetco Indian Memorial Project and spent years planning, fundraising and networking to bring the memorial to completion in 2020.

Since then the Chetco Indian Memorial Project Board has provided maintenance and landscaping of the site. In 2021 Adrienne Crookes, current Board Chairman, asked the Tribe to consider taking over management of the memorial to ensure continued maintenance and significance going forward. The Tribal Council supports taking on this responsibility and is exploring necessary requirements to make this happen. An important first step would be gaining the support of the Port for this change.

The Siletz Tribal Council is seeking feedback from the Port of Brookings Board of Commissioners regarding the Tribe assuming responsibility for the memorial. We welcome meeting with you, virtually or in person, to start this conversation. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Delores Pigsley
Tribal Chairman