

RESOLUTION NO. 18-11

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DOWNTOWN OREGON CITY ASSOCIATION FOR WINNING THE GREAT AMERICAN MAIN STREET AWARD

WHEREAS, the Downtown Oregon City Association was founded in 2008 originally as Main Street Oregon City, Inc. and was accredited by the National Main Street Center in 2011 and since that time, volunteers have given the equivalent of \$250,000 in volunteer time and nearly \$2.5 million has been invested in downtown revitalization programs; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Downtown Oregon City Association is to work together as facilitators and coordinators while partnering with stakeholders to generate a positive downtown image, preserve historic and cultural landmarks, and stimulate economic vitality in downtown Oregon City; and

WHEREAS, downtown Oregon City now has more than thirty new businesses, has had more than \$40 million of public and private investment in infrastructure and buildings and has had forty buildings rehabbed in partnership with Oregon City Urban Renewal grant programs; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2017, Downtown Oregon City Association was one of ten communities selected by a National jury of community development professionals and representatives of government agencies involved in economic development and historic preservation as a Great American Main Street Award Semi-Finalist; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2018, Downtown Oregon City was named by Main Street America at the Main Street Now Conference in Kansas City as a 2018 Great American Main Street Award winner; and

WHEREAS, the Great American Main Street Award is the highest honor bestowed on a community by Main Street America, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, downtown Oregon City is the first ever recipient of this award in the State of Oregon and the first on the west coast in the past eight years.

NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The City Commission desires to congratulate Downtown Oregon City Association, downtown property owners, and the businesses of Oregon City for achieving the highest national honor of the Great American Main Street Award and for being the first award recipient in the State of Oregon.

Section 2. The City of Oregon City will continue to partner with Downtown Oregon City Association in efforts to strengthen the local economy by promoting the downtown as a vibrant and thriving downtown community.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Commission.

Approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 4th day of April 2018.

DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 4th day of April 2018:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

City Attorney