RESOLUTION NO. 2253

WHEREAS, AMTRAK is a system that our nation needs now and will continue to need for the future as energy costs increase, thereby pushing some other forms of transportation out of reach for travelers; and

WHEREAS, AMTRAK is an essential mass transit system needed for energy conservation; and

WHEREAS, Oregon would suffer a significant transportation loss if the Willamette Valley Express and the Coast Starlight train services were terminated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Legislature of the State of Oregon and the U. S. Congress be advised that it is the belief of the Albany City Council of Albany, Oregon, that mass transportation and AMTRAK services should be high on a priority list of government services and that other budget reductions should be made before reducing appropriations for transportation services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council urges the U.S. Congress to appropriate the necessary funds to continue AMTRAK's operation as it exists today and to not approve the proposed White House budget cut.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Albany City Council <u>urges</u> the Governor and Oregon State Legislature to publicly support the continuation of our nation's AMTRAK rail passenger service.

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF MAY, 1981.

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City Recorder

ATTEST: