A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

WHEREAS, the Action '82 Task Force in its March 1982 Recommendations for Downtown Albany asked for prompt approval of the Downtown Commercial Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, a street-by-street survey of the Downtown was completed in April, 1978, by a State recognized Preservation Architect and buildings were rated in regard to their relative significance, with an additional survey completed in April 1982 by the Planning Staff to reevaluate the proposed District, and

WHEREAS, said surveys identified the proposed Downtown Commercial District as having an unusual amount of historic buildings which would qualify the area for State and National recognition as a Historic District, and

WHEREAS, the survey and the resulting National Register nomination based on the George McMath survey was approved on June 6, 1978, by the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation for submission to the Keeper of the National Register, and

WHEREAS, National Register designation will in no manner limit the rights of the property owner in terms of the alteration or demolition of the identified structure, unless the owner has of his own accord applied for and received one of the several tax, loan and grant packages available to National Register properties, and

WHEREAS, LCDC Goal 5 regarding "Open Spaces, Scenic and Historic Areas, and National Resources" requires the protection of "scenic and historic areas...for future generations" and further specifies that "The National Register of Historic Places and the recommendations of the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation should be utilized in designating historic sites," and

WHEREAS, past preservation activities in this area have stimulated an increase in the amount of Statewide recognition given the Albany area, and

WHEREAS, it is felt by the property owners of the proposed district that the National Register recognition and resulting improvements would contribute to the beautification of the City, the education, enjoyment and pride of its citizens, and the increased economic vitality of the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Albany, Oregon, that the Council members support the nomination of the proposed Downtown Commercial Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places as described by the map which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated herein.

Approved by City Council by the City of Albany, Oregon this 12th day of May, 1982.

Mayor

Attest

City Recorder

