A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF ALBANY FOR A MICROENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE LINN-BENTON MICROBUSINESS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Oregon Economic & Community Development Department has announced guidelines for its 2007 Method of Distribution for Community Development Block Grants for Microenterprise Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Linn-Benton MicroBusiness Program, in collaboration with the Oregon Microenterprise Network (OMEN), has prepared a project proposal for such a grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany, as a public agency, supports the development of microenterprise businesses, commonly defined as a business with fewer than five employees and with capital needs under \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, City of Albany residents have participated in this program, resulting in the establishment of new small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is participating in a regional microenterprise assistance program with Linn County, Benton County, the City of Lebanon, and the City of Sweet Home to support economic development through microenterprise services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany recognizes that Benton County is the lead applicant for this proposal and will act on the regional program's behalf as lead applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Albany declares its support of the Linn-Benton MicroBusiness Program grant application for microenterprise development services throughout the area of the regional program.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 28th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007.

ATTEST: