

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
8550 NEW HOPE ROAD
P.O. BOX 160
JOSEPHINE COUNTY, MURPHY, OREGON**

Resolution #Fiscal 19/20 - 13

**RESOLUTION TO IMPORE THE GOVERNER OF OREGON AND THE OREGON
LEGISLATURE TO RETAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE GRANTS PASS OFFICE OF
THE OREGON STATE POLICE**

WHEREAS, Three Rivers School District of Josephine County, Oregon is located in a rural area already inadequately served by public safety agencies in a state ranked 49th in the nation for per capita State Police staffing; and

WHEREAS, The Oregon State Police headquarters in Grants Pass is in danger of closure due to budget cuts, which would relocate officers to the headquarters at Central Point; and

WHEREAS, Senate bill 1545 Directs Department of State Police to maintain staffing level of at least 15 patrol troopers per 100,000 residents of this state, beginning January 1, 2030; and

WHEREAS, Our school buses carry nearly 5,000 students over 8,000 miles per day including along State Highways 199, 86, 238, and 99; and

WHEREAS, Oregon Department of Transportation collision statistics demonstrate that Monday afternoons, while our buses are running, are the deadliest times on the roads traveled by our students and staff; and

WHEREAS, after years of multiagency community effort, the Oregon Department of Transportation very recently designated the seven miles of State Highway 199 between Selma and Cave Junction a "Safety Corridor" due to high levels of deadly collisions, Whereas: enforcement of the Safety Corridor is the responsibility of the Oregon State Police; and

WHEREAS, The Josephine County Sheriff's office has recently established administrative agreements with the Oregon State Police that allow for dispatch support to extend rural patrol coverage, and losing the Grants Pass office of the Oregon State Police would end those contracts; and

WHEREAS, Our rurally isolated community depends on mutual aid and rapid response agreements to keep our students safe in the event of an emergency, and Oregon State Police headquarters being located in Central Point, fifty three miles from Illinois Valley High School, would make such a response anything but rapid; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of the Three Rivers School District, implore the Governor and the Legislative Joint Committee on Ways and Means, to retain and strengthen the Grants Pass office of the Oregon State Police.

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ATTEST: _____
Superintendent/Clerk Board Chair

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

Passed _____ Date: _____
(Passed/Failed)