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RESOLUTION 2026-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF CENTRALIA, LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON SUPPORTING THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE OF LEWIS COUNTY'S OPPORTUNITY ZONE APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Port of Centralia is committed to fostering sustainable economic development, expanding employment opportunities, and encouraging private investment that supports long-term community vitality and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the federal Opportunity Zone program, established under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, is intended to stimulate economic growth and investment in designated areas through tax incentives for qualifying investments; and

WHEREAS, three Census Tracts within Lewis County have been designated as potential Opportunity Zones, including areas within the Port District, supporting economic development within the region; and

WHEREAS, Opportunity Zones present opportunities for development, infrastructure investment, business expansion, and job creation consistent with the Port's adopted Master Plan and economic development objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Commerce serves as the state's lead agency for economic development, community revitalization, and coordination of programs that support local governments in advancing equitable growth and investment; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Alliance of Lewis County has prepared and submitted Opportunity Zone applications to the Washington State Department of Commerce for those designated Census Tracts seeking participation, support, and coordination under the Opportunity Zone program; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Centralia Commission recognizes that strategic use of Opportunity Zone tools can complement local planning efforts, leverage private and public investment, and advance community and economic development goals consistent with the state and regional priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF CENTRALIA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Port of Centralia hereby expresses its formal support for the Economic Alliance of Lewis County's Opportunity Zone applications submitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce for the following Census Tracts and affirms that the

application is consistent with the Port's adopted plans, policies, and economic development objectives.

a. Census Tract 9720; Lewis County, WA
b. Census Tract 9703; Lewis County, WA
c. Census Tract 9710; Lewis County, WA

PASSED by the Port of Centralia this 20th day of May, 2026.

COMMISSIONER

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Approved via Teleconference
COMMISSIONER

Attested to:

Amy Graber, Executive Director