



Resolution #954

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES (DOGAMI) AS ESSENTIAL TO RESILIENCE EFFORTS IN THE CITY OF GEARHART

WHEREAS, DOGAMI partners with local agencies and stakeholders to provide up to date scientific research to inform emergency disaster preparedness in Oregon coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, DOGAMI has produced a series of detailed tsunami inundation maps which inform tsunami evacuation planning on the coast; and

WHEREAS, DOGAMI uses LIDAR mapping of coastal communities to provide geologic detail and historical record of past tsunamis to inform tsunami evacuation planning; and

WHEREAS, DOGAMI completed a series of maps which estimate how long evacuation from sea level communities will take, given predicted failure of bridges and roads in a seismic event; and

WHEREAS, DOGAMI completed LIDAR landslide mapping which will inform disaster preparedness and planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, DOGAMI has worked with the City of Gearhart and other municipalities within Clatsop County to plan and execute tsunami evacuation routes and signage; and

WHEREAS, DOGAMI has influenced the lodging industry to incorporate emergency preparedness planning for tourists and visitors; and

WHEREAS, DOGAMI has increased awareness of earthquake and tsunami preparedness through scientific data and community outreach.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

The City of Gearhart City Council proclaims the expertise and function of DOGAMI as an essential service to Gearhart residents and its agencies. Though departments may experience financial obstacles, we request these dedicated and talented scientists be retained for their expertise and be relocated within the organization. Moreover, the Gearhart City Council supports DOGAMI and requests the functions of DOGAMI be fully supported by the Oregon Legislature and Governor.

DATED this 3rd day of February 2021.

Chad Sweet, City Administrator

Paulina Cockrum, Mayor