

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3183**

**A RESOLUTION** of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle  
expressing approval and support for the opening of  
the Port of Seattle's Beijing Office

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Washington and the Peoples' Republic of China have enjoyed a relationship which has developed over a period of 16 years;

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle and the Peoples' Republic of China have fostered a relationship beginning with the first merchant vessel, the "LIU LIN HAI," from China in 1979;

**WHEREAS**, trade is recognized as a peaceful and positive force in establishing relationships between countries and cultures;

**WHEREAS**, the China Ocean Shipping Company has, for many years, been recognized as a significant part of the movement to expand trade between the United States and the Peoples' Republic of China;

**WHEREAS**, the opening of a new office in Beijing for the Port of Seattle, with the assistance and support of the China Ocean Shipping Company, represents a milestone in the relationship between the Port of Seattle and the China Ocean Shipping Company;

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle desires to express its gratitude to the China Ocean Shipping Company for its contribution and support of the Port of Seattle's efforts to facilitate trade between the Port of Seattle and the Peoples' Republic of China;

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle desires to express its approval and support for the opening of its Beijing office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission expresses its gratitude to the China Ocean Shipping Company for assisting the Port of Seattle in opening an office in Beijing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Commission offers its full approval and support for the opening of the Beijing office and expresses its hopes that it will further advance the interests of trade between the Peoples' Republic of China and the people of the Pacific Northwest.

**ADOPTED** by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle this 11th day of October, 1994, and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the seal of the Commission.

*Patricia Day*  
*Paul Schell*  
*Gary Grant*  
*Robert M. Miller*  
*John B. Blum*  
Port Commission