METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 15

WHEREAS, citizens of the region have resoundingly supported the construction of the new Oregon Convention Center, and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission is responsible to the region's citizens for management and marketing of the Oregon Convention Center, and

WHEREAS, the Metro ERC, in coordination with the Portland/Oregon Visitors Association, has been successful in booking twenty-three conventions and numerous other events for the 1990's, and fully expects to continue booking events for this new facility, and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Convention Center will be a world class facility capable of hosting conventions of up to 10,000 people, and

WHEREAS, Metro ERC finds that there are an inadequate number of hotel rooms in the immediate vicinity of the Oregon Convention Center to appropriately serve medium to large size conventions, and

WHEREAS, Metro ERC finds that the continued absence of a headquarters hotel will significantly limit both the size and type of convention willing to book the Oregon Convention Center, and

WHEREAS, Metro ERC finds that a headquarters hotel would not only serve to bring more convention business to the City of Portland, but would also attract new supporting businesses to the area surrounding the Oregon Convention Center, and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is preparing to adopt an urban renewal plan which could include a headquarters hotel as an eligible project,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission supports efforts by the City of Portland, including creation of an urban renewal district, to attract a headquarters hotel to a site close to the Oregon Convention Center, and FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Metro ERC will provide information to the City and other interested parties about the need for a headquarters hotel.

Passed by the Commission on November 22, 1988.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Metro General Counsel