

PROPOSED BY: _____
INTRODUCTION DATE: MAY 10, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**SUPPORTING SNOHOMISH, WHATCOM, ISLAND, SAN JUAN AND SKAGIT (SWISS)
REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF
COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, The Snohomish, Whatcom, Island, San Juan and Skagit (SWISS) Regional Partnership mission is "to identify and advance shared priorities that will improve the quality of life of the people who live in the region"; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County endeavors to support the mission and goals of SWISS Regional Partnership, and

WHEREAS, SWISS Regional Partnership purpose is to:

1. Provide a forum for the discussion and review of issues consistent with the SWISS mission statement, and identify those issues where there is a shared mutual interest;
2. Create a unified, clear, and concise regional voice to our state and federal legislators and governmental agencies;
3. Be an advocate for our region as a whole in dealings with legislative, governmental and private entities upon those issues that the SWISS selects;
4. Assist partner organizations with their legislative advocacy on issues that align with SWISS priorities.

WHEREAS, administrative and management support is needed to implement the objectives of the SWISS Regional Partnership in two program areas:

1. Meeting Management and Coordination
2. Partnership Management and Coalition Building

WHEREAS, the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) was created in 1906 to serve the counties of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, one of WSAC's purposes, pursuant to RCW 36.32.350, is to serve as a coordinator for county administrative programs; and

WHEREAS, WSAC has proposed to deliver administrative and management support services to SWISS in the following program areas:

1. Meeting Management and Coordination
2. Partnership Management and Coalition Building

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Whatcom County supports WSACs delivering administrative and management services to the SWISS Regional Partnership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Whatcom County has committed to financially support SWISS Regional Partnership in 2022, and shall consider ongoing financial support for SWISS Regional Partnership as part of the county annual/biennial budget process.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Todd Donovan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Civil Deputy Prosecutor