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**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 16**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2025**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL TO  
UTILIZE THE FULL BANKED CAPACITY FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE EMS LEVY  
TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

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**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 ("the District") is committed to providing high-quality emergency medical services (EMS) to residents and visitors throughout the District and Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 84.52.105 and RCW 84.55.092 authorize the County Council to levy and restore EMS funding, including the use of banked capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS funding in Whatcom County is primarily supported by a county-wide EMS levy approved by voters, which must be sufficient to support increasing service demands, rising operational costs, personnel needs, and equipment replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Levy Rate is approximately \$0.220 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is below the voter-approved maximum rate of \$0.295 per \$1,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the District believes that taking the full banked capacity for the EMS levy is necessary to maintain and enhance EMS staffing levels, response times, training, and readiness throughout Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to utilize the full banked capacity would jeopardize the long-term sustainability of the EMS system, place undue strain on local fire districts, and diminish the level of emergency care available to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, equitable and predictable EMS funding benefits all communities across Whatcom County by ensuring uniform service levels, particularly in rural and underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS professionals continue to face increased call volumes and operational challenges, particularly in the wake of growing population and geographic service areas;

Chief: H. Maleng, Assistant Chief: M. Cook  
Commissioners: J. Hindman, E. Kalsbeek, T. Smith  
Administrative Manager: J. Bass



**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 strongly encourages the Whatcom County Council to take the full banked capacity available under the EMS levy authority during the 2026 budget cycle (or current applicable levy year), in order to preserve the effectiveness, equity, and sustainability of the county-wide EMS system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District directs the Fire Chief or designee to formally communicate this resolution to the Whatcom County Council and to work collaboratively with other regional fire and EMS partners to advocate for appropriate EMS funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District reaffirms its commitment to supporting a regional EMS model that ensures all residents—regardless of jurisdiction—receive timely, professional, and life-saving emergency medical care.

**ADOPTED this 9 day of October 2025**, by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16

  
Chairperson

  
Commissioner

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Commissioner

ATTEST:  
  
Board Secretary

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #21**

**Resolution 2025-04**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL TO UTILIZE THE FULL BANKED CAPACITY FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE EMS LEVY TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Fire Protection District #21 (“the District”) is committed to providing high-quality emergency medical services (EMS) to residents and visitors throughout the District and Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 84.52.105 and RCW 84.55.092 authorize the County Council to levy and restore EMS funding, including the use of banked capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS funding in Whatcom County is primarily supported by a county-wide EMS levy approved by voters, which must be sufficient to support increasing service demands, rising operational costs, personnel needs, and equipment replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Levy Rate is approximately \$0.220 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is below the voter-approved maximum rate of \$0.295 per \$1,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the District believes that taking the full banked capacity for the EMS levy is necessary to maintain and enhance EMS staffing levels, response times, training, and readiness throughout Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to utilize the full banked capacity would jeopardize the long-term sustainability of the EMS system, place undue strain on local fire districts, and diminish the level of emergency care available to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, equitable and predictable EMS funding benefits all communities across Whatcom County by ensuring uniform service levels, particularly in rural and underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS professionals continue to face increased call volumes and operational challenges, particularly in the wake of growing population and geographic service areas;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District #21 strongly encourages the Whatcom County Council to take the full banked capacity available under the EMS levy authority during the 2026 budget cycle (or current applicable levy year), in order to preserve the effectiveness, equity, and sustainability of the county-wide EMS system.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District directs the Fire Chief or designee to formally communicate this resolution to the Whatcom County Council and to work collaboratively with other regional fire and EMS partners to advocate for appropriate EMS funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District reaffirms its commitment to supporting a regional EMS model that ensures all residents—regardless of jurisdiction—receive timely, professional, and life-saving emergency medical care.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025 BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #21.**

**ATTEST:**


  
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Bruce Ansell, Chair

  
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John Crawford, Commissioner

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Craig Anthony, Commissioner

  
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Kimberly McMurray, Vice-Chair

  
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Matthew Rigberg, Commissioner

  
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Jason Van der Veen, Fire Chief

  
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Jennie Sand, Board Secretary



WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT # 17  
RESOLUTION #383

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL TO UTILIZE THE FULL BANKED CAPACITY FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE EMS LEVY TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES "**

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 17 ("the District") is committed to providing high-quality emergency medical services (EMS) to residents and visitors throughout the District and Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 84.52.105 and RCW 84.55.092 authorize the County Council to levy and restore EMS funding, including the use of banked capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS funding in Whatcom County is primarily supported by a county-wide EMS levy approved by voters, which must be sufficient to support increasing service demands, rising operational costs, personnel needs, and equipment replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Levy Rate is approximately \$0.220 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is below the voter-approved maximum rate of \$0.295 per \$1,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the District believes that taking the full banked capacity for the EMS levy is necessary to maintain and enhance EMS staffing levels, response times, training, and readiness throughout Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to utilize the full banked capacity would jeopardize the long-term sustainability of the EMS system, place undue strain on local fire districts, and diminish the level of emergency care available to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, equitable and predictable EMS funding benefits all communities across Whatcom County by ensuring uniform service levels, particularly in rural and underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS professionals continue to face increased call volumes and operational challenges, particularly in the wake of growing population and geographic service areas;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 17 strongly encourages the Whatcom County Council to take the full banked capacity available under the EMS levy authority during the 2026 budget cycle (or current applicable levy year), in order to preserve the effectiveness, equity, and sustainability of the county-wide EMS system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District directs the Fire Chief or designee to formally communicate this resolution to the Whatcom County Council and to work collaboratively with other regional fire and EMS partners to advocate for appropriate EMS funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District reaffirms its commitment to supporting a regional EMS model that ensures all residents—regardless of jurisdiction—receive timely, professional, and life-saving emergency medical care.

Approved at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Whatcom County Fire District #17, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

Attested by :

Board Secretary Robert Howery



Chairman William Rinesmith



Commissioner James Taxdahl



Commissioner Brian Sigurdson



GLACIER FIRE AND RESCUE  
WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 19

RESOLUTION NO. 268

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL TO UTILIZE  
THE FULL BANKED CAPACITY FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE EMS LEVY TO ENSURE  
SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 19 (“the District”) is committed to providing high-quality emergency medical services (EMS) to residents and visitors throughout the District and Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.105 and RCW 84.55.092 authorize the County Council to levy and restore EMS funding, including the use of banked capacity; and

WHEREAS, EMS funding in Whatcom County is primarily supported by a county-wide EMS levy approved by voters, which must be sufficient to support increasing service demands, rising operational costs, personnel needs, and equipment replacement; and

WHEREAS, the current Levy Rate is approximately \$0.220 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is below the voter-approved maximum rate of \$0.295 per \$1,000; and

WHEREAS, the District believes that taking the full banked capacity for the EMS levy is necessary to maintain and enhance EMS staffing levels, response times, training, and readiness throughout Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, failure to utilize the full banked capacity would jeopardize the long-term sustainability of the EMS system, place undue strain on local fire districts, and diminish the level of emergency care available to the public; and

WHEREAS, equitable and predictable EMS funding benefits all communities across Whatcom County by ensuring uniform service levels, particularly in rural and underserved areas; and

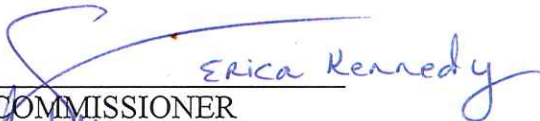
WHEREAS, EMS professionals continue to face increased call volumes and operational challenges, particularly in the wake of growing population and geographic service areas;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 19 strongly encourages the Whatcom County Council to take the full banked capacity available under the EMS levy authority during the 2026 budget cycle (or current applicable levy year), in order to preserve the effectiveness, equity, and sustainability of the county-wide EMS system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District directs the Fire Chief or designee to formally communicate this resolution to the Whatcom County Council and to work collaboratively with other regional fire and EMS partners to advocate for appropriate EMS funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District reaffirms its commitment to supporting a regional EMS model that ensures all residents—regardless of jurisdiction—receive timely, professional, and life-saving emergency medical care.


ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Glacier Fire and Rescue, Whatcom County, Washington, held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

  
ERICA Kennedy  
COMMISSIONER

  
Magenta Widner  
COMMISSIONER

  
Sam Llobet  
COMMISSIONER

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Glacier Fire and Rescue, Whatcom County, Washington, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 268 adopted at a regular meeting of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

  
SECRETARY



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL TO  
UTILIZE THE FULL BANKED CAPACITY FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE EMS LEVY  
TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

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**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 1 (“the District”) is committed to providing high-quality emergency medical services (EMS) to residents and visitors throughout the District and Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 84.52.105 and RCW 84.55.092 authorize the County Council to levy and restore EMS funding, including the use of banked capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS funding in Whatcom County is primarily supported by a county-wide EMS levy approved by voters, which must be sufficient to support increasing service demands, rising operational costs, personnel needs, and equipment replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Levy Rate is approximately \$0.220 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is below the voter-approved maximum rate of \$0.295 per \$1,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the District believes that taking the full banked capacity for the EMS levy is necessary to maintain and enhance EMS staffing levels, response times, training, and readiness throughout Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to utilize the full banked capacity would jeopardize the long-term sustainability of the EMS system, place undue strain on local fire districts, and diminish the level of emergency care available to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, equitable and predictable EMS funding benefits all communities across Whatcom County by ensuring uniform service levels, particularly in rural and underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS professionals continue to face increased call volumes and operational challenges, particularly in the wake of growing population and geographic service areas;

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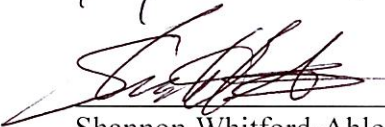
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 1 strongly encourages the Whatcom County Council to take the full banked capacity available under the EMS levy authority during the 2026 budget cycle (or current applicable levy year), in order to preserve the effectiveness, equity, and sustainability of the county-wide EMS system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District directs the Fire Chief or designee to formally communicate this resolution to the Whatcom County Council and to work collaboratively with other regional fire and EMS partners to advocate for appropriate EMS funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District reaffirms its commitment to supporting a regional EMS model that ensures all residents—regardless of jurisdiction—receive timely, professional, and life-saving emergency medical care.

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**ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025**, by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 1. The following members present and voting:

  
Randy VanderHeiden, Commissioner  
Shannon Whitford-Ahlers, Commissioner  
Kurt Bruland, Commissioner

Attest:

  
Jodi DeBeeld, Board Secretary

**Whatcom County Fire Protection District NO. 14**

**Post Office Box 482**

**Sumas, Washington 98295**

**(360) 599-2823**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL TO UTILIZE THE FULL BANKED CAPACITY FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE EMS LEVY TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Fire Protection District NO. 14 (“the District”) is committed to providing high-quality (EMS) emergency medical services to residents and visitors throughout the District and Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 84.52.105 and RCW 84.55.092 authorize the County Council to levy and restore EMS funding, including the use of banked capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS Funding in Whatcom County is primarily supported by a county-wide EMS levy approved by voters, which must be sufficient to support increasing service demands, rising operational costs, personal needs, and equipment replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Levy Rate is approximately \$0.220 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is below the voter-approved maximum rate of \$0.295 per \$1,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the District believes that taking the full banked capacity for the EMS levy is necessary to maintain and enhance EMS staffing levels, response times, training, and readiness throughout Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to utilize the full banked capacity would jeopardize the long-term sustainability for the EMS system, place undue strain on the local fire districts and diminish the level of emergency care available to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, equitable and predictable EMS funding benefits all communities across Whatcom County by ensuring uniform service levels, particularly in rural and underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS professionals continue to face increased call volume and operational challenges in the wake of growing population and geographic service areas;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 14 strongly encourages the Whatcom County Council to take full banked capacity available under the EMS levy authority during the 2026 budget cycle (or current applicable year), in order to preserve the effectiveness, equity, and sustainability of the county-wide EMS system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT THE DISTRICT DIRECTS THE Fire Chief or designee to formally communicate this resolution to the Whatcom County Council and to work collaboratively with other regional fire and EMS partners to advocate for appropriate EMS funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District reaffirms its commitment to supporting a regional EMS model that ensures all residents--regardless of jurisdiction—receive timely, professional, and life-saving emergency care.

**ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2025**, by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 14.

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RobRoy Graham, Commissioner Chair

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Chris Moe, Commissioner

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Russell Vreugdenhil, Commissioner

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Heather Ripke-Olson, District Admin.

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Jo Olson, District Admin. Trainer



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 11**  
**Lummi Island Fire Department**  
3809 Legoe Bay Road \* P.O. Box 130 \* Lummi Island, WA 98262  
Phone: (360) 758-2411 Email: admin@wcfd11.org

**Resolution No. 2025-290**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL TO UTILIZE THE FULL BANKED CAPACITY FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE EMS LEVY TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN WHATCOM COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 84.52.105 and RCW 84.55.092 authorize the County Council to levy funding for a county-wide EMS system, including the use of banked capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS funding in Whatcom County is primarily supported by a county-wide EMS levy approved by the voters, which must be sufficient to support increasing service demands, rising operational costs, personnel needs, and equipment replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the current EMS Levy Rate is below the voter-approved maximum rate of \$0.295 per \$1,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the District believes that taking the full banked capacity for the EMS levy is necessary to maintain and enhance Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) service, response times, training, and readiness throughout Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to utilize the full banked capacity would place undue strain on local fire districts, and diminish the level of emergency care available to the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners for Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 strongly encourage the Whatcom County Council to take the full banked capacity allowable by law during the current applicable levy year in order to maintain the effectiveness and sustainability of the county-wide EMS system.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 reaffirms its commitment to supporting a regional EMS system

that ensures all residents and visitors receive timely, professional, life-saving emergency medical care.

By: Bill Lee  
Bill Lee, Commissioner

By: Joan Moye  
Joan Moye, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Ohms, Commissioner

Attested: Lisa Lish  
Lisa Lish, Board Secretary

The above Resolution was adopted at a Special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 11 on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Lummi Island Fire Station, 3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA 98262

**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7**  
**Post Office Box 1599 • Ferndale, Washington 98248 • (360) 384-0303**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1009-01**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL TO  
UTILIZE THE FULL BANKED CAPACITY FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE EMS LEVY  
TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

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**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 7 (“the District”) is committed to providing high-quality emergency medical services (EMS) to residents and visitors throughout the District and Whatcom County; and

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**WHEREAS**, EMS funding in Whatcom County is primarily supported by a county-wide EMS levy approved by voters, which must be sufficient to support increasing service demands, rising operational costs, personnel needs, and equipment replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Levy Rate is approximately \$0.220 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is below the voter-approved maximum rate of \$0.295 per \$1,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the District believes that taking the full banked capacity for the EMS levy is necessary to maintain and enhance EMS staffing levels, response times, training, and readiness throughout Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to utilize the full banked capacity would jeopardize the long-term sustainability of the EMS system, place undue strain on local fire districts, and diminish the level of emergency care available to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, equitable and predictable EMS funding benefits all communities across Whatcom County by ensuring uniform service levels, particularly in rural and underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS professionals continue to face increased call volumes and operational challenges, particularly in the wake of growing population and geographic service areas;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 7 strongly encourages the Whatcom County Council to take the full banked capacity available under the EMS levy authority during the 2026 budget cycle (or current applicable levy year), in order to preserve the effectiveness, equity, and sustainability of the county-wide EMS system.

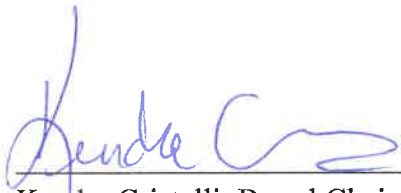
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District reaffirms its commitment to supporting a regional EMS model that ensures all residents—regardless of jurisdiction—receive timely, professional, and life-saving emergency medical care.

**ADOPTED this 9th day of October, 2025**, by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 7.

Attested by:

  
Patty R. Markel, Board Secretary

  
Kendra Cristelli, Board Chair

  
Michael Murphy, Commissioner

  
Eric Grant, Commissioner