

RESOLUTION NO. _____

HONORING THE LIFE, SERVICE, AND LEGACY OF KEVIN HESTER

WHEREAS, Kevin Hester dedicated his life to public service and the betterment of Whatcom County and its communities; and

WHEREAS, Hester served the people of Whatcom County for more than thirty years as a member of the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, earning a reputation for professionalism, integrity, and unwavering commitment to public safety; and

WHEREAS, through decades of distinguished service, Hester rose through the ranks to serve as Chief Civil Deputy, providing leadership and mentorship to countless law enforcement professionals and public servants; and

WHEREAS, Hester played a key leadership role in the Whatcom Gang and Drug Task Force, helping to build and maintain one of Washington's most respected multi-jurisdictional law enforcement partnerships; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Hester demonstrated steady judgment, humility, and a servant's heart, earning the trust and respect of colleagues, elected officials, and community members across Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the Sheriff's Office in 2021, Hester continued his commitment to public service by serving as Mayor of the City of Nooksack, where he worked to strengthen his community and improve the quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, Hester's leadership reflected the values of duty, accountability, and service above self, and his contributions left a lasting impact on public safety, local government, and the communities he served; and

WHEREAS, Hester will be remembered not only for the offices he held, but also for his character, kindness, mentorship, and dedication to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Hester's passing is a profound loss to his family, friends, former colleagues, the City of Nooksack, the law enforcement community, and the people of Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council wishes to honor Hester's life of service and express gratitude for the legacy he leaves behind.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council hereby honors the life, service, and legacy of Kevin Hester and recognizes his extraordinary contributions to the people of Whatcom County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that the Council extends its deepest sympathies and condolences to the Hester family and all who mourn his passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that Kevin Hester's dedication to public service, commitment to community, and example of leadership shall be remembered with gratitude and respect by the residents of Whatcom County for generations to come; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that a copy of this resolution be presented to Kevin Hester's family as a lasting expression of Whatcom County's appreciation and remembrance.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2026

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council

Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kimberly Thulin by email (6/10/2026-ks)
Civil Deputy Prosecutor