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#### TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution supporting the Snohomish, Whatcom, Island, San Juan and Skagit (SWISS) regional partnership with the Washington State Association of Counties

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:**

Resolution supporting Snohomish, Whatcom, Island, San Juan and Skagit (SWISS) regional partnership with the Washington State Assocation of Counties

#### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Sent To: Date: **Acting Body:** Action: 05/10/2022 Council Committee of the Whole RECOMMENDED FOR **APPROVAL** 

Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner Aye: 5

Nay: 2 Byrd, and Elenbaas

Absent: 0

05/10/2022 Council

**APPROVED** 

Aye: 5 Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 2 Byrd, and Elenbaas

Absent: 0

Attachments:

Resolution

PROPOSED	BY:	
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	DATE:	MAY 10, 2022

	<b>RESOLUTION NO.</b>	2022-025
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# 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 10th day of May , 2022.

ATTEST: COUNTY WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown Davis, Clerk of the Council Todd Donovan, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Karen Frakes (approved via e-mail) / JL

Civil Deputy Prosecutor