

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION CONCLUDING THE WORK OF THE HOMELESS STRATEGIES  
WORKGROUP AND TRANSFERRING RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE WHATCOM COUNTY  
HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County partners with a number of agencies to provide access to safe and secure housing and shelter facilities as well as associated programming and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Whatcom County Council adopted Resolution 2017-055 on October 24, 2017, establishing an 'ad hoc' Homeless Strategies Workgroup; and

**WHEREAS**, the Homeless Strategies Workgroup identified strategies to address public health and safety, and strategies to end homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 23, 2019, Whatcom County Council approved Resolution 2019-034 to extend the work of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup and expand its membership; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2019-034 identified the workgroup's purpose to identify additional temporary winter shelters, added capacity for year-round shelters, additional opportunities to address the needs of the county's homeless populations, and strategies to prevent people from having no other option than to sleep outside; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 25, 2020, Whatcom County Council approved Resolution 2020-010, amending the membership of the Homeless Strategies workgroup to include additional community representatives appointed by Council; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 7, 2020, Whatcom County Council approved Resolution 2020-028 establishing two-year terms for Council-appointed members; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolutions 2017-055 and 2019-034 identified that the workgroup shall attempt to complete its work as expeditiously as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Health Department Staff presented and received feedback at the Homeless Strategies Workgroup, during their February, March, and April 2021 meetings, on an inventory of current shelter options and a needs assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, at the April 16, 2021, the Homeless Strategies Workgroup approved short- and long-term recommendations to the Whatcom County Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee (WCHAC) is authorized by Whatcom County Code Chapter 3.46.060 to serve in an advisory capacity to the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the role of the WCHAC is to advise the County on topics of funding affordable and supportive housing, provide guidance on the Plan to End Homelessness, and collaborate with partners for the benefit of the community; and

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2           **WHEREAS**, the Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee (WCHAC) can assume  
3 accountability for progress of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup recommendations.  
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5           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council appreciates the commitment  
6 and guidance provided by the Homeless Strategies Workgroup and its members; and  
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8           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Whatcom County Council received the final  
9 recommendations of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup; and  
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11           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Whatcom County Council asks that the Whatcom  
12 County Housing Advisory Committee take responsibility for moving forward the  
13 recommendations of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup; and  
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15           **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Whatcom County Council hereby concludes the  
16 work of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup.  
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25 **ATTEST:**

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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30 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

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33 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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37 Karen Frakes ~ by email 05/04/2021  
38 Civil Deputy Prosecutor