

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPROVING THE NAMING OF THE CRISIS STABILIZATION FACILITY AS “THE ANNE DEACON CENTER FOR HOPE”

WHEREAS, Anne Deacon, in her role as Human Services Manager, within the Whatcom County Health Department, played a significant role in the conception, building and operation of the Whatcom County Crisis Stabilization Center that is operated at 2026 Division Street, Bellingham, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Deacon also worked with the legislature to obtain dedicated funding; designed the model and service delivery systems, led the grant-writing process, consulted with the architect and construction companies on everything from the layout to the furniture, and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Deacon also was instrumental in contracting with the providers for services and organizing a multi-disciplinary group including Emergency Medical Services and police agencies to address issues on operationalizing referrals and intakes, and

WHEREAS, Directors of Health and Human Services Departments in our region have agreed and supported naming the facility as a fitting tribute to Ms. Deacon, and

WHEREAS, in the words of poet, Robert Frost, “hope is not finding a way out, but a way through” and the goal of the Crisis Stabilization Center is to help people in crisis find hope by assisting and giving them tools to move through the challenges they experience, and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council concurs and supports this proposal,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Whatcom County Crisis and Stabilization Center will be named THE ANNE DEACON CENTER FOR HOPE from this day forward and the Council authorizes the placement of signage on the facility and use of this name wherever the Crisis Stabilization Center is mentioned.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis,
Clerk of the Council

Barry Buchanan,
Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Christopher Quinn (approved via e-mail) / JL

Civil Deputy Prosecutor