RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PLACEMENT
OF THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX
ON THE AUGUST 6, 2013 PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE USED FOR
JAIL FACILITIES AND POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES

WHEREAS ensuring the protection and safety of the residents of Skagit County is an essential priority; and

WHEREAS the County’s current jail population has significantly increased since the construction of the County’s current jail facilities; and

WHEREAS the current jail facilities cannot meet the demand of the combined volume of City and County inmates; and

WHEREAS additional funding is necessary to construct, maintain and operate a new jail facility to safely and efficiently accommodate County and City inmate population levels; and

WHEREAS additional funding is needed to support police and fire protection services; and

WHEREAS RCW 82.14.450 authorizes Counties to submit the question of imposing an additional three-tenths of one percent sales tax to support criminal justice purposes (as defined by RCW 82.14.340), police and fire protection services, or a combination thereof, upon the consent of the majority of persons voting; and

WHEREAS the Skagit County Board of County Commissioners desires to submit a proposition to County voters authorizing an additional sales and use tax at a rate of .3 percent in accordance with RCW 82.14.450 to be used exclusively to construct, maintain and operate a new jail facility to house County and City inmates and to additionally support necessary police and fire protection.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Board of Skagit County Commissioners that a proposition shall be placed upon the August 6, 2013 Primary Election which shall read substantially as follows, except the Prosecuting Attorney is authorized to make minor adjustments to the wording of the proposition as deemed necessary:
Skagit County Proposition No.1

Sales and Use Tax for Jail Facilities and Police and Fire Protection

The Skagit County Board of County Commissioners has adopted Resolution No. R20130102 concerning a sales and use tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.450. If approved, this proposition would authorize an additional sales and use tax at a rate of .3 percent to be used for the construction, maintenance and operation of jail facilities and police and fire protection. Should this proposition be:

Approved ___
Rejected ___

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF OUR OFFICE this 29 day of April, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Tim Holloway, County Administrator

Attest:

Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney