

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:		6/15/2010	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">RECEIVED</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">JUN 14 2010</div> <div style="font-size: 1.1em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</div>	6/22/2010	Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:	<i>[Signature]</i>	6-15-10			
Prosecutor:					
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:

Resolution in support of continuing multi-agency coordination center

ATTACHMENTS:

SEPA review required? () Yes () NO SEPA review completed? () Yes () NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes () NO Requested Date:
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SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: *(If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)*

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COMMITTEE ACTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

6/22/2010: Council Approved 6-0, Weimer absent Res. 2010-024

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution

Number: Res. 2010-024

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SPONSORED BY: Consent
PROPOSED BY: Consent
INTRODUCTION DATE: June 22, 2010

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-024

**IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING THE
MULTI-AGENCY COORDINATION CENTER IN WHATCOM COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Whatcom County shares a land and maritime border with Canada, necessitating mutual cooperation and coordination among local, state, tribal, federal and foreign government agencies with regard to preventing and controlling border-related criminal activity, terrorism, public health matters and other emergency management issues; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County is home to numerous strategic assets and critical infrastructure vital to the economic well-being and security of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County has experienced border-related incidents and events of local and national significance and regularly provides assets to support the Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies in furtherance of their mission of securing the international border and preventing terrorism; and

WHEREAS, there exists a high level of inter-agency cooperation and support among municipal, tribal, county, state and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for effective coordination and communication among all public safety and government agencies as well as private-sector partners; and

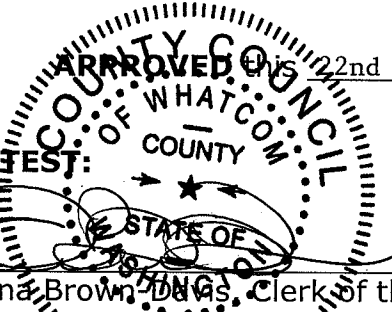
WHEREAS, significant funding and resources have been dedicated to the establishment of a coordination center supporting law enforcement, emergency management and national security operations within Whatcom County; and

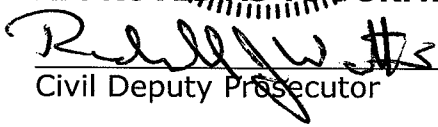
WHEREAS, the "2010 Olympics Coordination Center" was successful in its mission of synchronizing federal, tribal, state, local and Canadian Security Partners in providing a safe, secure Washington State and northern border region in conjunction with the 2009 World Police & Fire Games and 2010 Olympics & Paralympics Games; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Olympics Coordination Center was described by officials of the Department of Homeland Security as a "model of cooperation" for local, state and federal authorities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council, together with the Whatcom County Executive and the Whatcom County Sheriff, support Washington State, United States Congressional, and United States Department of Homeland Security efforts to continue and maintain a multi-agency coordination center as developed for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games as permanent infrastructure in Whatcom County, WA.

APPROVED this 22nd day of June, 2010.

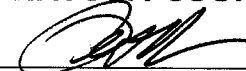
ATTEST:

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Civil Deputy Prosecutor


**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY,
WASHINGTON:**


Sam Crawford, Council Chair

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE:


Pete Kremen, County Executive

WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF:


Bill Elfo, County Sheriff