

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON 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, Bellingham and 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, Bellingham and Whatcom County have 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 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM WILL:

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.

PASSED by the Council this 9th day of August , 2010

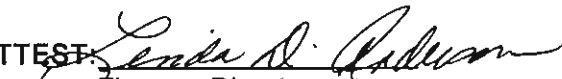


Council President

APPROVED by me this 11th day of August, 2010.



Mayor

ATTEST: 
of Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney