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| GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. | <u>2004-36</u> |
| LEWIS COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. | <u>04-196</u> |
| MASON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. | <u>47-04</u> |
| THURSTON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. | <u>13168</u> |

A **Resolution** of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason and Thurston Counties commending the Chehalis Basin Partnership, a Watershed Planning Unit, and approving the Chehalis Basin Watershed Management Plan recognizing that implementation is contingent upon available funding.

Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason and Thurston Boards of County Commissioners make the following findings of fact:

1. The four counties support the collaboration among the Chehalis Basin Watershed communities to implement a comprehensive strategy for balancing competing demands for water, while at the same time preserving and enhancing the future integrity of the Chehalis Basin Watershed; and
2. The Washington State Watershed Management Act ("the Act"), Chapter 90.82 RCW, establishes the framework for water resource management in the State of Washington focusing on water availability and quality, and protecting habitat for fish and wildlife; and
3. Participation in the planning of the Chehalis Basin Watershed Management Plan is voluntary; and
4. The initiating governments agreed to participate in the Chehalis Basin Partnership through an Intergovernmental Agreement; and
5. The lead agency in the planning process for the Chehalis Basin Watershed Management Plan is Grays Harbor County; and
6. The Chehalis Basin Partnership, the Watershed Planning Unit, met regularly for over four years in the development of the Chehalis Basin Watershed Management Plan; and
7. The Chehalis Basin Partnership held four informational meetings to seek public input on the scope of the plan on February 26, 2002 in Ocean Shores, March 19, 2002 in Montesano, April 16, 2002 in Tumwater, and May 21, 2002 in Chehalis; and
8. The Chehalis Basin Level 1 Technical Assessment was completed in December, 2000; and
9. The Chehalis Basin Partnership Planning Unit discussed the draft Chehalis Basin Watershed Management Plan in the Chehalis Rooms of the Lucky Eagle during the monthly meetings on September 26, 2003, October 24, 2003, October 31, 2003, November 21, 2003, December 19, 2003, January 23, 2004, February 27, 2004, March 26, 2004 and during a special meeting on April 9, 2004, to gather public comment on the plan; and
10. The Chehalis Basin Partnership approved the Chehalis Basin Watershed Management Plan by recorded vote on February 27, 2004 (Sections 4 and 5) and on April 9, 2004 (Sections 1 -3); and
11. The Act under RCW 90.82.130(b) requires once the planning unit approves the watershed plan it is to be submitted for approval by the counties within the watershed; and
12. The Act under RCW 90.82.130(2)(a) requires that the legislative authority of each county shall provide public notice of and conduct at least one public hearing on the proposed plan; and

13 Grays Harbor County held a public hearing on April 26, 2004, Lewis County held a public hearing on April 26, 2004, Mason County held a public hearing on May 4, 2004, and Thurston County held a public hearing on May 26, 2004, to receive public testimony on the Chehalis Basin Watershed Management Plan; and

14. The Washington Watershed Management Act (RCW 90.82.130(2)(a)) requires that after the public hearings, the legislative authorities of participant counties shall convene in joint session to consider the proposal. The counties may approve or reject the proposed watershed plan for the management area, but may not amend it. Approval of such a proposal shall be made by a majority vote of the members of each of the counties with territory in the management area; and

15. A Determination of Significance and Adoption of Existing Environmental Document was prepared and issued on April 20, 2004, for the Chehalis Basin Watershed Management Plan; and

16. The Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties' Boards of Commissioners held the required joint meeting to consider the Chehalis Basin Watershed Management Plan on May 28, 2004, in the Chehalis Rooms of the Lucky Eagle.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason and Thurston Boards of County Commissioners do resolve as follows:


Section 1. The majority of each of the respective county boards of commissioners approve the Chehalis Basin Watershed Management Plan dated April 9, 2004, as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Implementation of the Chehalis Basin Watershed Management Plan is contingent upon adequate available funding and staff resources.

Section 3. Implementation of the Chehalis Basin Watershed Management Plan will require the continued participation of the Chehalis Basin Watershed Planning Unit.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Grays Harbor County, Washington

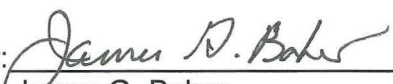

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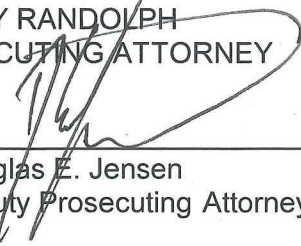
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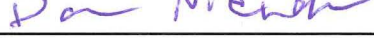

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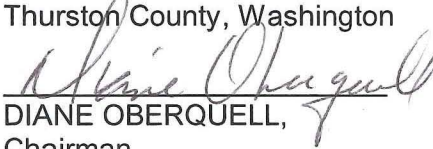
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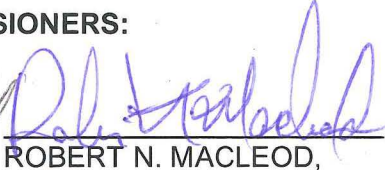
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ATTEST:

ADOPTED: May 28, 2004

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Donna Caton", is written over a horizontal line.

Donna Caton,
Clerk of the Board