BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GRANT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 94-9-CC, AND PROVIDING AN UPDATED AND OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUPPORTING EQUAL ACCESS TO HOUSING FOR ALL PERSONS

WHEREAS, Grant County, by and through the Board of County Commissioners, previously developed, adopted and published a Fair Housing Resolution, to wit, Resolution No. 94-9-CC; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County, Washington, to repeal Resolution No. 94-9-CC, and to provide an updated and official statement supporting equal access to housing for all persons.

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of Grant County, Washington, that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicapped or familial status, is prohibited by the Federal Fair Housing Act. It is the policy of Grant County to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicapped or familial status. Therefore, Grant County does hereby pass and approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources, Grant County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicapped or familial status to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the Washington Human Rights Commission or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Seattle Regional Office Compliance Division; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Grant County designates its County Commissioner, currently serving as a member of the Grant County Homeless Housing Task Force, to serve as a point of contact for the purpose of disseminating information and brochures regarding fair housing, and, without providing legal advice and with the support of the Grant County Housing Authority, answering questions local residents may have about the law and its coverage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Grant County shall publicize this Resolution and post on its public website a subsection entitled “Fair Housing”, the same to incorporate this Resolution in pdf format, and display the Fair Housing Complaint Hotline telephone number (1-800-424-8590, TDD 1-800-543-8294), as well as the Grant County Housing Authority’s contact information regarding access to specific information and questions concerning Fair Housing, for the purpose of causing owners of real estate, developers builders, and county residents, located within the area served by the local Community Action Agency, to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances; and

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FURTHER, SAID PROGRAM will, at a minimum, include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this policy and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contacts; (2) distribution of posters, flyers and any other means which will bring the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing; and

FURTHER, PROVIDED: If any provision contained within this Resolution, or its application to any person, party or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Resolution or the application of provisions to other persons, parties or circumstances, shall not be affected.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of September, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GRANT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Cindy Carter, Chair

Carolann Swartz, Vice-Chair

Richard Stevens, Commissioner

ATTEST:

BY: Barbara J. Vasquez

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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