



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million American's provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and

**WHEREAS**, counties build infrastructure, maintain roads and bridges, provide health care, administer justice, keep communities safe, run elections, manage solid waste, keep records and much more; and

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe, and economically competitive, America's counties must be able to anticipate and adapt to all types of change; and

**WHEREAS**, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, through National Association of Counties President Linda Langston's Resilient Counties initiative, NACo is encouraging counties to focus on how they prepare and respond to natural disasters and emergencies or any situation that the counties may face, such as economic recovery or public health and safety challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, as a border county, Whatcom County has unique challenges and opportunities, and strives at all times to provide its citizens with excellence in public safety and the administration of justice;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive do hereby proclaim April 2014 as

### NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

in Whatcom County, and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

  
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Jack Louws  
Whatcom County Executive

