

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT – PROPOSITION NO. 1**

Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 14 (the “District”) seeks voter approval to authorize an increase of its regular property tax levy to \$1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2021 (with collection beginning in 2022), which is an increase of approximately \$0.25 per \$1,000 increase of assessed value. This levy is the primary funding source for fire and emergency medical services provided by the District. Voter approval of Proposition 1 will help maintain and increase the level of services currently provided by the District.