

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ELIMINATION OF KITTITAS COUNTY
PROBATION SERVICES AS A SINGLE DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTING THE
MISDEMEANANT PROBATION AND JUVENILE COURT SERVICES
DEPARTMENTS**

RESOLUTION No. 2015- 112

WHEREAS, Probation Services has been an entity in which the disparate operations of Misdemeanant Probation and Juvenile Court Services had been combined under a "Probation Services Director" for ease of and convenience in addressing administrative needs; and

WHEREAS, Misdemeanant Probation is an operational function of Limited Jurisdiction Courts created pursuant to RCW Titles 3, 35, or 35A, specifically the Lower District Court and Upper District Court of Kittitas County; and

WHEREAS, the operational authority for Probation in the Limited Jurisdiction Courts is found in Administrative Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (ARLJ) 11, formulated by the Washington Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, those Rules are authorized by RCW 2.04.190, and RCW 3.30.080, and the Washington Supreme Court has sole authority over the procedural rules of the Court of this State pursuant to RCW 2.04.200; and

WHEREAS, Kittitas County Juvenile Court Services is an exclusive operational function of the Superior Court in and for Kittitas County pursuant to RCW 13.04.021, RCW 13.04.035, 13.04.450, and General Rule (GR) 29; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances which justified the administrative combination shall end on September 1, 2015, and "Probation Services" and the position of "Probation Services Director" should and shall cease to exist on that date, with "Misdemeanant Probation" and Juvenile Court Services" continuing their operations as distinct entities pursuant to the above referenced judicial authority; and

WHEREAS, certain steps needed to implement this structural change require actions from other offices within the County, such as job evaluation and classification, shifts in the specific accounts from which certain personnel are paid, and the like;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Kittitas County, Washington authorizes the Kittitas County Treasurer, the

Kittitas County Auditor, and the Human Resource Department to take such steps as may be needed to perform the process changes required for this structural change.

ADOPTED this 4th day of August 2015.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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