

PROCLAMATION

National County Government Month April 2013

“Smart Justice: Creating Safer Communities”

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving more than 300 million Americans; and

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

WHEREAS, County governments are often the entity providing both direct and indirect services to enhance the lives of residents and are responsible for maintaining public safety and the efficient use of local tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, currently more than 13 million individuals are booked into county jails each year and more than 700,000 individuals are booked into state and federal prisons; and

WHEREAS, National Association of Counties President Chris Rodgers is encouraging counties to promote effective community corrections programs across the country through his 2012-13 “Smart Justice” presidential initiative; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

THE KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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