BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF KITTITAS STATE OF WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2013- 059

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF "WEED FREE" OF AGRICULTURAL CROPS

WHEREAS, RCW 39.34, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, provides the capability for public agencies to cooperate by providing services and facilities for mutual advantage; and

WHEREAS, Kittitas County, through the Kittitas County Noxious Weed Control Board, has the authority to inspect land in Kittitas County to determine the presence of noxious weeds, develop programs to achieve compliance with the weed law and to protect the lands of Kittitas County from the degrading effects of noxious weeds; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Department of Agriculture has the authority to administer the Washington Wilderness Hay and Mulch Program (WWHAM) in part by inspecting for the presence of noxious weeds throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Department of Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as "WSDA," wishes to allow the County to perform inspections of weed free hay and mulch produced in Kittitas County to the standards of the Washington Wilderness Hay and Mulch Program (WWHAM); and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Department of Agriculture and Kittitas County wish to arrange for the Kittitas County Noxious Weed Control Board to conduct weed inspections and certification of agricultural crops; and

WHEREAS, All parties have agreed to enter into such an arrangement under the terms and conditions of the interlocal agreement shown on and attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, Kittitas County's Board of County Commissioners authorized the execution of this Interlocal Agreement by action taken at a regular meeting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That an Interlocal Agreement between Kittitas County and Washington State Department of Agriculture be established to provide weed inspections and certifications of agricultural crops.

And pursuant to RCW 39.34.040, this Agreement shall be posted on the County's website.