

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04**

Designating the American Legion as the official authority within Skamania County to lawfully dispose of the remains of indigent deceased veterans.

**WHEREAS**, Washington State RCW 73.08.070 specifies the requirement of the County to designate a proper authority to be responsible in such cases and the Skamania County Board of Commissioners held a workshop on December 10, 2019 to discuss this issue and;

**WHEREAS**, The American Legion is a Federal Corporation that is chartered by and reports to the U.S. Congress. (US Code Annotated, Title36, Chapter 20701-21708) and;

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the provisions of United States 38 CFR 14.628(a), The American Legion is recognized and approved by the VA Secretary under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs and authorized by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of General Counsel (OCG) for all matters regarding veterans and;

**WHEREAS**, The American Legion is an Authorized Provider of Military Honors for Veteran Funerals. Reference National Defense Authorization Act 2002 and subsequent and;

**WHEREAS**, contact information for The American Legion for the Department of Washington State is as follows:

Department Headquarters

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Physical Address: 3600 Ruddell RD SE, Lacey, WA 98503

Phone: (360) 491-4373

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Skamania County Board of Commissioners assign such authority to the position of Department Commander with authorization to delegate to the District Commander with jurisdiction for the respective County rather than individuals, as the positions are elected annually.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that notification be distributed by the responsible County Official to all Funeral Directors within the county that The American Legion has been designated as the "proper authority" IAW RCW 73.08.070.

**APPROVED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2020.

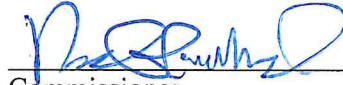
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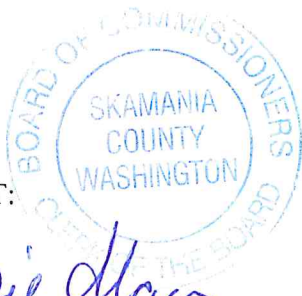
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Commissioner



Commissioner



ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:



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