BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE
SPOKANE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN POLICY CF.15.1 RELATING TO
ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FACILITIES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW Chapter 36.70, the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, hereinafter referred to as the “Board,” has created a Planning Commission, hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 36.70A RCW, the Board adopted a Comprehensive Plan and Capital Facilities Plan for Spokane County, hereinafter referred to as the “Comprehensive Plan,” on November 5, 2001 (County Resolution 1-1059); and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2002, the Washington State Legislature declared an emergency and passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6594 (ESSB 6594) implementing the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on the Equitable Distribution of Secure Community Transition Facilities, and on March 21, 2002 the Governor signed ESSB 6594; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of ESSB 6594 Spokane County, along with all planning jurisdictions within the state of Washington, was mandated to amend its Comprehensive Plan to include a process for identifying and siting essential public facilities, including, among other facilities, secure community transition facilities as defined in RCW 71.09.020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 36.70 RCW, the Commission is authorized to recommend changes to the Comprehensive Plan to the Board for its review and consideration for adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recommended amendments to the Comprehensive Plan regarding siting of essential public facilities, including the proposed revision to Policy CF.15.1 and the Spokane County Regional Siting Process for Essential Public Facilities, as more particularly set forth in Commission’s Attachment “A”, attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges the Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) issued by the Spokane County Division of Planning on June 21, 2002, with respect to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment; and
WHEREAS, the Board, after considering the Commission's Recommendation and reviewing the Commission's Findings of Fact, concurs with the Findings of Fact, Decision, and Recommendation of the Commission dated July 25, 2002, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and determines the best interest of the general public, as well as its health, safety and welfare, will be met by the Board amending the Spokane County Comprehensive Plan as recommended by the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board, after considering all of the above, that the Comprehensive Plan Amendment as set forth in the Commission's Attachment "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby direct Division of Planning Staff to prepare, in cooperation with all jurisdictions in Spokane County, an interlocal agreement outlining administrative procedures for the Spokane County Regional Siting Process for Essential Public Facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby adopt as Findings of Fact all recitals herein as well as the Commission's Findings of Fact as set forth in the Commission's Findings, Decision, and Recommendation dated July 25, 2002, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

APPROVED this 13th day of August, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:
Vicky M. Dalton
Clerk of the Board