

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION R20250009 AND PROVIDING A METHOD TO  
CONVERT PAPER PUNCH CARDS SOLD DURING COVID WITHOUT EXPIRATION

**WHEREAS**, Skagit County ("County") owns and operates a vehicle and passenger ferry (herein "ferry") between Anacortes, Washington, and Guemes Island, Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 20, 2024, the Board of Skagit County Commissioners ("Board") adopted resolution R20240282 which suspended all punch card sales as of December 30, 2024, provided that all paper punch cards, regardless of when they were sold, would only be valid for use until the stated expiration date; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2025, the Board adopted Resolution R20250009, amending and superseding Resolution R20240282, suspending the sale of and limiting future use of paper punch cards which extended the period of use of only paper punch cards marked non-expiry (or without expiration) to December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, during the fare evaluation process in 2024, numerous comments were received about the paper punch cards sold without expiration during the early stages of COVID between April 24, 2020, to May 31, 2020, and the Board has been approached about alternative relief; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Guemes Ferry electronic ticketing system will permit the crediting of the trips and issuance of a QR code for future travel upon surrender of the values of the remaining unused paper punch cards purchased during COVID, and the Board has decided to provide for this alternative relief; and

**WHEREAS**, full conversion of the process of electronic ticketing by QR code is anticipated to improve ticketing and retaining paper punch cards creates confusion for separate ticketing processes, and

**WHEREAS**, R20250009 otherwise provides all paper punch cards use will be discontinued on December 31, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that R20250009 is hereby amended and superseded to provide that paper punch cards sold without expiration during the early stages of COVID between April 24, 2020, through May 20, 2020, may be converted to an equivalent number of trips in the electronic ticketing system; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that such punch card conversion shall only be accomplished at the Ferry Office at 500 I Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and must be completed by appointment no later than December 31, 2026; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that all such punch card conversion shall result in the holder receiving an equivalent number of trips which shall be allowed to be redeemed indefinitely.

**DATED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Janicki, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Wesen, Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Browning, Commissioner

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:

Approved as to Content:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Head