RESOLUTION NO. 586

A RESOLUTION URGING CLARK AND COWLITZ COUNTY RESIDENTS TO BUY LOCAL AND USE LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SERVICES WHEN PRACTICABLE AND POSSIBLE.

Recitals

WHEREAS, America's struggling economy has had an impact on every corner of society; and

WHEREAS, locally owned, independent businesses account for an estimated 70% of all employment, are innovators and creators of the next generation of products, pay taxes and contribute significantly to our communities; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services; and

WHEREAS, a diverse assortment of numerous local and independent businesses provide for a more stable tax base. Generally these communities require a less costly infrastructure, thereby providing a good return on investment to local government; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that our taxpayer dollars be spent appropriately to maximize job creation and help restore – strengthen – the economic vitality of our communities; and

WHEREAS, supporting local businesses is in the best interest of all Clark and Cowlitz County residents and communities, because our local businesses are critical to maintaining a socially, environmentally, and financially sustainable local economy for its citizens.

Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this alliance of the Cities of Clark County and Cowlitz County intends to maximize the creation of jobs, and restore local economic growth and opportunity by purchasing budgeted City goods and services, when practicable and possible, from the local businesses that operate in our cities and counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge all Clark and Cowlitz County residents and businesses to share in this effort to strengthen our communities, buying locally and using local businesses and services when practicable and possible.

ADOPTED in an Open Public Meeting this 17th day of May, 2010.

CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON

Approved:

Charles E. Blum, Mayor

Attest:

Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

William J. Eling, City Attorney