

Resolution No. 662

A Resolution of the Kalama City Council Supporting The Submission Of An Application For The Creation Of The Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Economic Development District

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration was created by Congress pursuant to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 in part to establish economic development districts to fulfill the mission of EDA in “fostering entrepreneurship, innovation and productivity through investments in infrastructure development, capacity building and business development in order to attract private capital investments and higher-skill, higher wage jobs to regions experience substantial and persistent economic distress.”; and

WHEREAS, the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum region meets the applicable measures of economic distress as provided in 13 CFR 301.3; and

WHEREAS, the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) is qualified to and has supported the economic development planning needs of the region in the past; and

WHEREAS, the CWCOG Board has taken action supporting the creation of a two-county Economic Development District and directed staff to complete the tasks necessary to establish said District; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) has expressed a willingness to create a two-county Economic Development District (EDD) to serve Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties and has awarded funds for establishing the new district; and

WHEREAS, there is regional support from both the public and private sectors for the creation of an Economic Development District to serve the needs of the Southwest Washington region; and

WHEREAS, a District program will help communities develop the planning and technical expertise to aid communities and the region in their comprehensive, entrepreneurial, and innovation-based economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kalama is desirous of participating in the Economic Development District, in order to collaborate with other local governmental units, municipalities, organizations, and private entities for the mutual advantage and economic development of the communities of the region;

WHEREAS, the City of Kalama is willing to commit to providing a level of financial support and actively serve on the governing board of the EDD by providing a primary and an alternate representative to serve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Kalama City Council as duly elected and authorized representatives, do here by support the designation by the Economic Development Administration of a two-county economic development district to support the regional and local economic development needs of the Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Kalama at a regular meeting held on February 7, 2018.

Mike Reuter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Coni McMaster, Clerk/Treasurer