

**PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01
PORT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A UNIFIED PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY AND PORT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN CHELAN AND DOUGLAS COUNTIES AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2023 OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING TO LEVY AND COLLECT A UNIFIED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE TWO PORT DISTRICTS.

THE PORT COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY AND PORT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. During the 2023 Washington State Legislative Session, the legislature passed by a unanimous vote in the House and Senate Engrossed House Bill 1663 (EHB), hereby attached as Exhibit A. The Governor signed the bill on May 1, 2023. EHB 1663 authorizes a unified property tax levy rate between the Port of Chelan County and the Port of Douglas County provided that at least two-thirds majority of each port commission agree to conduct a joint levy by July 1 for collection in the following year and for subsequent years; and subject to approval by a majority of the total number of votes cast among the public residing within both port districts in a general election. A unified property tax levy rate would:

- help preserve equal representation on the Regional Port Board of Directors with three elected officials from each county;
- uniformly apply a tax levy rate to ensure all taxpayers in Chelan and Douglas counties have one equalized levy rate;
- provide levy rate equalization at a time when the levy rate differential between Ports is only 4.3 cents per thousand of assessed value; and
- allow for the efficient operation of the Regional Port as it works to enhance the economic vitality of Chelan and Douglas counties.

Section 2. Proposition. The Chelan County Auditor and the Douglas County Auditor are requested to call and conduct an election to be held within Chelan and Douglas Counties on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, for the purpose of submitting to qualified electors for their ratification or rejection a unified property tax levy consistent with Washington State EHB 1663.

A port district can impose a regular annual property tax levy of up to 45 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value of the taxable property within the district for general port purposes. The Port of Chelan County's levy rate for tax year 2023 is .175 cents per thousand of assessed value. The Port of Douglas County's levy rate for tax year 2023 is .137 cents per thousand of assessed value. If approved by voters, the existing levy rates would be unified into one tax levy starting with the 2024 tax year levy.

The Executive Director of the Port of Chelan County and Port of Douglas County is authorized and directed to certify the following proposition to the County Auditors and request that it be placed on the election ballot in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY AND PORT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY
UNIFIED TAX LEVY

The Ports of Chelan and Douglas County propose to unify the tax levy rate into a single tax levy encompassing both districts. The levy rate for tax year 2023 in the Port of Chelan County is .175 cents/\$1,000 of assessed value. The levy rate for tax year 2023 in the Port of Douglas County is .137cents/\$1,000 of assessed value. Using the 2023 tax year levy rates, a unified tax levy would be approximately .162 cents/\$1,000 of assessed value for both port districts. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED

REJECTED

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution.

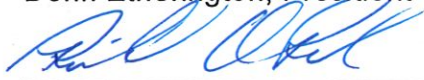
Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage by the Port Commissioners of the Port of Chelan County and Port of Douglas County.

ADOPTED by the Port of Chelan and Port of Douglas Commissioners at a properly convened meeting thereof held on the 27th day of June 2023 and in compliance with EHB1663 confirming at least two-thirds majority agreeing to conduct a joint levy.

Port of Chelan County



Donn Etherington, President



Richard DeRock, Vice President



JC Baldwin, Secretary

Port of Douglas County



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Mark Spurgeon, Vice President



Jim Huffman, Secretary