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DEPARTMENT Information Technology

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER Miron

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER Bearth

FREE AND OPEN GEOSPATIAL DATA RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Washington County creates, maintains and possesses valuable Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data to support its various business purposes; and

WHEREAS, Washington County recognizes that this GIS data is also a public resource and there are significant benefits to making this data freely and openly available; and

WHEREAS, the emergence and continued refinement of new information technology has dramatically changed the way citizens search for and expect to find, consume and utilize GIS information, and such technology can aggregate ever larger quantities of data and allow government to provide GIS information to the public with increasing efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Washington County can leverage this technology to meet the public demand for GIS information, enhance public access to government GIS data and make government processes transparent in order to promote public trust; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the quality, consistency and availability of such data is a core function of government and is essential to maintaining the data's value and utility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Washington County Department of Information Technology to publish Washington County's public geospatial data on its website in a commonly recognized and easily produced form, available for download by anyone at no cost, subject to accepting the terms of the data disclaimer GIS data usage agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby reserves the right for county/city business units to charge fees for GIS data provided in other forms and to accommodate special requests for maps, data, and analysis under the applicable rules and statutes that govern said requests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes qualified members of its staff to coordinate with other counties, cities, governments and agencies through the MetroGIS collaborative or through state agencies to share and publish its GIS data in common formats through common websites and public data portals to increase public awareness of its availability and promote its use.

ATTEST:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

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