

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BRANCH CAMPUS OR STAND- ALONE COLLEGE IN STANWOOD

WHEREAS, the North Puget Sound Region has been identified by the State of Washington as needing a four-year college or other institution of higher or vocational training; and

WHEREAS, as a function of a site selection process, the Stanwood area has been short-listed as one of the possible locations for the school; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Dianne White has convened a group of community leaders who have been working during the past year to ensure Stanwood's place as a candidate for the site; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington continues studying the potential sites in order to make a final selection by the end of 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Stanwood area provides a superior option for a university site due to the following qualities:

- Central location to serve the identified population of Skagit, Island, and North Snohomish counties;
- Reasonable land values at sizes that will accommodate the campus;
- Roadways that are less congested, existing transit routes and a proposed train station;
- Proximity to I-5, served by State Highway 532, into which the State legislature is already investing millions of dollars; and
- A small-town, scenic and dynamic community that can serve as "a college town."

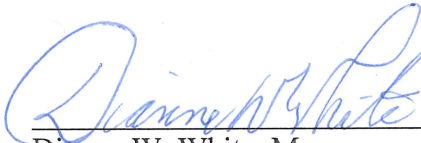
WHEREAS, the City Council strongly supports the candidacy of Stanwood as a potential site for the location of the college;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The City Council of the City of Stanwood hereby supports the location of a new branch or stand-alone college or university to be in the Stanwood area; and**
- 2. The City Council pledges its cooperation and participation in the effort to bring the college or university to the Stanwood area.**


Passed and approved this 19th day of July, 2007

CITY OF STANWOOD:



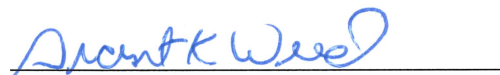
Dianne W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa A. Collins, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Grant K. Weed, City Attorney