STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON RESOLUTION NO. 52-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 51-2015 AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF LIMITED FEES ON COURT FILINGS AND ESTABLISHING A USER FEE TO FUND A GUARDIANSHIP FACILITATOR PROGRAM ENACTED TO ASSIST STEVENS COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH LEGAL PAPERWORK FOR GUARDIANSHIP CASES.

WHEREAS, the Washington State legislature has authorized counties to establish guardianship facilitator programs to provide basic services to parties of guardianship court proceedings who do not have attorneys (2015 Chapter 295, 2015 Laws, SB 5647); AND

WHEREAS, the Washington State legislature has authorized counties to impose a surcharge of up to twenty dollars on Superior Court cases filed under RCW 11.88, 11.90, 11.92 and 73.36 for the purpose of funding such a program; AND

WHEREAS, the Washington State legislature has also authorized counties to impose a user fee; AND

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners seeks to establish such a guardianship facilitator program to assist the residents of Stevens County in guardianship proceedings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Stevens County, Washington, that Resolution #51-2015 regarding this matter is hereby repealed and replaced with this resolution providing for a guardianship facilitator program to be managed by Superior Court to assist litigants in the preparation and filing of paperwork and documents in guardianship cases.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost and expense of the guardianship facilitator program established herein shall be funded and paid out of a twenty dollar surcharge, which shall be assessed by the Stevens County Clerk in addition to filing fees otherwise allowed by law on cases filed under RCW 11.88, 11.90, 11.92 and 73.36. The fees imposed by this resolution shall be collected by the Clerk and deposited in the Guardianship Facilitator Program Fund, to be used to pay the cost and expense of the guardianship facilitator program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to the surcharge to the filing fee referenced above, there is hereby established a user fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) that may be imposed by the court for the persons utilizing the guardianship facilitator program.

Passed by the Board of Stevens County Commissioners meeting in regular session at Colville, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the 13th day of August, 2018.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON		
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Chairman Wes McCart	Commissioner Don Dashiell	Commissioner Steve Parker

ATTEST:

Polly Coleman, Clerk of Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stevens County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney